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## Aadhaar must for govt pension

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**The beneficiaries of Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension, Sandhya Suraksha, National Widow pension, Mythri and Manaswini schemes have to mandatorily submit their Aadhaar details before May 15.**

The details may be submitted at the gram panchayat or the taluk panchayat offices. Those who have not received their Aadhaar numbers can submit their 28-digit EID (Aadhaar enrolment) numbers, according to a press release.

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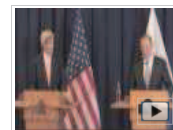
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## Aadhar card mandatory to receive LPG subsidy

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If you want to continue getting subsidy on your LPG cylinder then you must get your connection linked to Aadhar card. If a person doesn't have an Aadhar card he/she won't get subsidy in gas cylinder. To avail the subsidy, a consumer will first have to link his/ her Aadhar card number to their bank account and subsequently submit a xerox of the same to the respective gas agency, who will link it with their log in.

Earlier, only the bank account number provided to the gas agency was enough to avail subsidy, but now the

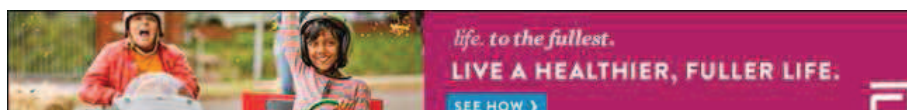
government has changed the criterion which has made the consumers suffer. The consumers are now doing rounds of the banks after the scheme of directly linking from the gas agency was withdrawn. The subsidy can be closed down from next month; this was decided during a meeting of the gas agency owners recently.

They want to implement the rule strictly. Earlier, the gas agencies were providing direct linking facility to the consumers but with the new rule in place the facility has been stopped. An owner of a gas agency informed that the consumers who have not submitted the Aadhar might not get subsidy in gas cylinders from next month onwards. The consumers who have directly linked by giving bank account number to the gas agency should submit Aadhar card xerox to the bank and gas agency. Significantly, consumers are currently getting 12 subsidized cylinders in a year and the cycle starts from April 1 to March 31.

**f****Aruna Sharma**

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## Consumers for uniform connection charge

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IMPHAL, Mar 18:  
Taking serious note of the varying and often exorbitant new LPG connection fees charged by distributors, many consumers have asked distributors to display details of connection charges at their cash counters or on notice

boards.

Many consumers of Canchi Indane Service, MM Gas Service, Imphal LPG, K&K Indane, Patsoi Indane Gramin Vitrak, RBD Indane, Manipur Gas service and Misao Gas Service have expressed keen desire for the authority concerned to take up necessary action in this regard.

The LPG consumers numbering around 10 who sought anonymity said that there must be a uniform rate for new LPG connections fixed by the IOC.

Even if one tends to argue that the revenue earned by LPG distributors is running into deficit or they have difficulty in meeting necessary expenditures such as payment of salaries for employees, there must be a uniform connection charge for all distributors.

Details of new connection charge such as prices of cylinders, stoves, hose pipes, pressure regulators etc should be displayed.

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But what is happening today is varying prices for new LPG connections being charged on the whims of the distributors, said the disgruntled consumers.

Meanwhile, it is said that LPG consumers who fail to submit their Aadhar numbers by March 31 may not be given subsidy on LPG refills. After submission of his/her Aadhar number, the distributor would issue a form inscribed with the consumers 17-digits LPG identity numbers.

After filling up this form, the consumer should submit the same to the bank. The bank would give back an acknowledgement slip after tearing it from the same form.

But there are many LPG consumers who have not been receiving their subsidies even after submission of Aadhar numbers to the distributor as well as bank.

When they complained to distributors, the distributors said that the banks failed to link their Aadhar numbers. When the consumers approached banks, the banks told them all their Aadhar numbers have been linked to their LPG accounts.

The banks even gave documents in support of their claim that the consumers' Aadhar numbers have been linked. This only created a perplexing situation for the consumers.

All consumers are entitled to subsidies till March 31 whether they have submitted their Aadhar numbers or not.

The problem of linking Aadhar numbers with LPG accounts can be addressed to a large extent if the part of sending Aadhar numbers is done by respective LPG distributors rather than by consumers themselves, they opined.

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# Deadline to link bank a/cs to Aadhaar nears

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**Panaji:** The Union ministry of finance has written to banks in Goa asking them to ensure that all bank accounts opened under the Pradhan mantri jan-dhan yojana (PMJDY) are linked to valid Aadhaar cards by June 30, 2016. The central government has asked banks to hold awareness drives and camps to ensure that the task is completed by the end of the month.

The department of financial services of the Union ministry of finance has asked banks and the state department of rural development to hold joint camps across the state to ensure that all Jan-Dhan bank accounts are seeded with Aadhaar numbers. PMJDY is a national mission for financial inclusion to ensure access to financial services, like, banking/savings and deposit accounts, remittance, credit, insurance and pension in an affordable manner.

Given that monsoons are around the corner and the short deadline looming, bankers in the state are in a rush to meet the deadline. "It is impossible to achieve (the deadline) in such a short time. There was always a directive to link Aadhaar cards to bank accounts. They are just trying to expedite the process and I don't think they will keep to the deadline. It is simply not possible," a representative of a major bank in Goa said.

This is not the first time that the Union government has sought to ensure 100% seeding of Aadhaar to the Jan-Dhan accounts. On February 12, assistant general manager for outreach at state bank of India (SBI) led a discussion on financial inclusion in the state where he urged banks to make efforts to ensure 100% Aadhaar seeding as 95% of Goa had already been covered by the Aadhaar project. Bankers had stated that seeding with Aadhaar had not been completed since customers held multiple bank accounts.

"Each bank will find its own way to meet the target. They can put out advertisements, go to panchayats," a state bank of India official said.

The department of financial services has advised all banks to ensure that adequate publicity material, banners and posters are displayed at branches and bank *mitra* outlets. It has also asked banks to coordinate with the department of rural development to complete the task.

"The state bankers have assured me that they will come up with a plan. We have all the equipment ready. If we put things in the right place and put the right people we can achieve it. It is possible," director, department of rural development, Vassudev Shetye said.

Banks have also been asked to focus on seeding of mobile numbers in bank accounts in accordance with reserve bank of India (RBI) guidelines. "The state government has also been requested to send customized SMS to beneficiaries of various direct benefit transfer schemes," a source said.

Banks in Goa have managed to seed 63.08% or 90,788 Jan-Dhan bank accounts to Aadhaar card numbers.

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## June 15 deadline for linking ration cards with Aadhaar

- Special Correspondent

In a bid to weed out bogus ration cards, the Food Department has made it mandatory for all ration card holders in the State, including those with above the poverty line (APL) cards, to link them with their Aadhaar numbers by June 15.

Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies Dinesh Gundu Rao said here on Tuesday that 89,43,367 ration cards, of the total 1,10,54,613, had been linked with Aadhaar so far.

He hinted that in the due course, some of the facilities may not be extended to those who failed to link their ration cards with Aadhaar.

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# Link Aadhar cards with bank for LPG subsidy, says govt

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**B**ijnor: To bring transparency, the Centre has directed all gas connection holders to link their Aadhaar cards with their respective banks by the end of this year, failing which they would not be eligible to avail subsidy.

The notice issued by the government has put consumers not possessing Aadhaar cards in a quandary.

Discussing the issue, Nisha Raghav, owner of BSN gas agency, said each cylinder costs Rs 591.50 and the subsidy on the cylinder is Rs 149.50. The subsidy is deposited in the consumer's account.

There are 31 gas agencies in Bijnor district which cater to 3.5 lakh consumers. The government provides subsidy on the basis of forms filled up by consumers to avail Direct Benefits Transfer for LPG (DBTL).

Last year, consumers were asked to fill up DBTL forms and get their Aadhaar cards linked with banks and the respective agency. Though most of the consumers filled up the forms, only 40% got their Aadhaar cards linked with the banks.

Even as consumers continue to avail subsidy based on the DBTL forms, this time around, the government has made linking of Aadhaar cards mandatory.

Raghav told TOI that only 40% consumers had got their Aadhaar cards linked with the agency and respective banks.

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## Retired teacher denied pension due to lack of Aadhar Card

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**Gamharia, March 31:** Retired school teacher Sandhya Rani Mishra has been denied pension due to lack of Aadhar card.

The 80-year-old teacher's thumb impression is not been read by computer due to which he has been denied the card.

In this regard, the teacher said that Kandra branch of Punjab National Bank has not paid her pension from December.

She has made several attempts, but still the delivery of her card is delayed. She retired from the Department of Education, Sindri Fertilizer Company, and was receiving pension from 1997.

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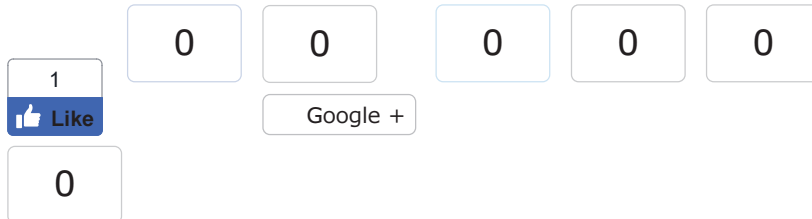
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# Submit Aadhaar number or forget LPG subsidy

Published on 04 June 2016 By Prameya News7 (author)



Nashik: Petroleum gas companies have started sending messages to liquefied petroleum gas consumers to submit their Aadhaar numbers with a warning that the ones who do not comply with the same stand to lose their subsidy.

"To receive subsidy in your bank a/c, kindly submit Aadhaar or submit fresh KYC form at your LPG distributor. The last date of submission is June 15, 2016," messages sent to the LPG consumers across the city read.

A senior officer from one of the petroleum companies said, "The petroleum ministry has sent us a communication asking us to collect the Aadhaar numbers from all the people who have not submitted it till now and were receiving the subsidy in their bank accounts - under the direct benefit transfer of LPG (DBTL). Accordingly, the move for collecting the Aadhaar numbers has been stepped up."

Those not submitting Aadhaar number will not get subsidy. It will, however, be diverted in parking funds till September 2016. Even if the

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Aadhaar numbers were not submitted till then, the amount would lapse.

Officials in the district supply office said that the consumers need not press the panic button given that the message clearly pointed out that they should clear their KYCs if they were not able to furnish their Aadhaar numbers.

"The consumers can simply give an undertaking to the distributor saying that he/she does not have Aadhaar number and shall be submitted the day when they get one. This will ensure that their subsidy is not stopped and continue to be deposited in their account," the officer said.

Meanwhile, those submitting their Aadhaar numbers need to submit the same at the LPG distributors as well as to the banks as well. "The process has to be completed at both ends by the consumers and hence they need to verify it as well," an LPG company official said.

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## 'Anga Pradakshina' pilgrims must carry Aadhaar card in Tirumala

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**T**irupati: The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has decided to make Aadhaar card mandatory for the pilgrims, who wish to participate in circumambulation (Anga Pradakshina) of the temple in Tirumala.

TTD executive officer D Sambasiva Rao on Tuesday announced that the devotees participating in Anga Pradakshinam should invariably carry their Aadhaar cards. "We have made Aadhaar mandatory," he said.

Sambasiva Rao, earlier, conducted a review meeting with senior officials of the temple at Annamaiah Bhavan.

He instructed officials to strictly enforce the Aadhaar rule for circumambulation. The EO instructed the officials concerned to regularly verify the stocks of gold, silver and copper dollars of Lord Sri Venkateswara.

The TTD will set up 1,000-shelf shoe racks at Seva Sadan complex in APSRTC bus stand and at MTVAC in Tirumala.





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**D**EHRADUN: To check cases of fake registration in government schools, the education department has urged DMs of all 13 districts to ensure that each and every student has an Aadhaar card by the end of this year.

An education department official said that recent surprise inspections in government schools have shown several cases where students' names are mentioned on paper but they do not exist.

Taking serious note of this, the department has decided to introduce a software which will keep a tab on students, but for this, it will need unique identification of each and every single student enrolled in government schools across the state. For this purpose, Aadhaar cards are being considered to avoid any duplication or fraud.

Education department officials said that all the state's district magistrates have been requested by DG, school education, Senthil Pandiyan to direct agencies, involved in making Aadhaar cards, to ensure that all government school students have their own Aadhar card by December 31. The state education department will give the necessary assistance to expedite the process, they added.

Government school principals and students have welcomed the announcement. Neelam Joshi, principal, government girls inter-college (GGIC), Lakhibag said, "We have around 750 girls in our school and more than 50% of them have got their Aadhaar cards since September. I feel it is a great step by the education department."

Education authorities added that Aadhaar card would give much-needed identification to students as they usually do not have pan cards, driving license or other documents.

Akansha Thapa, a government school student from Doon, said, "I feel all grown-up having my personal identification in the form of Aadhaar card. Almost all students in our school have submitted applications for making Aadhaar cards."



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## Aadhaar made compulsory at Trimulgherry RTA

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*Officials themselves not in the know about new regulation*



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once again made it compulsory for applicants to various services to submit their Aadhaar card.

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People who went to the Trimulgherry office on Wednesday were in for a shock as their applications were refused by the staff who insisted on an Aadhaar card.

B Reddy, a resident of Parsigutta, who went for transfer of ownership of an auto, had to return home as he did not have his Aadhaar card.

Ironically, even the officials were kept in the dark about the new rule. Organizing secretary of Telangana State Auto Trolley Union M Dayanand said, "The department did not issue a notification nor was there any information on the notice board in the last few days. How can the department expect people to know? It is putting people to so much inconvenience."

He added that the Supreme Court too had made it clear in the past that Aadhar should not be made mandatory for submission of documentation in offices.

The officials say that they have started it as a pilot project in RTA Trimulgherry and would slowly implement it in all the other RTA offices in Rangareddy and Hyderabad.

The list of services that are offered at RTA offices include transfer of ownership, duplicate registration, duplicate driving licence, no objection certificate, state and national permits for transport vehicles of tourist buses and lorries, taxes, change of name, renewal of registration of vehicle (after 15 years), international driving permit, NOC from one State to another and one district to the other, hypothecation of the vehicle and clearance certificate of driving license.

The practice of making Aadhar mandatory for availing of these services was discontinued after a public backlash.

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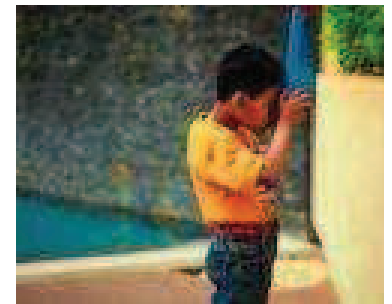
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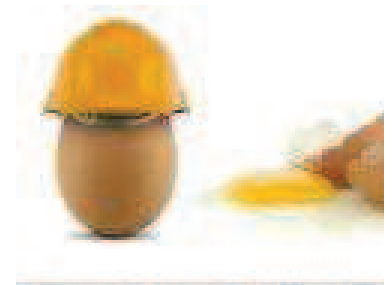
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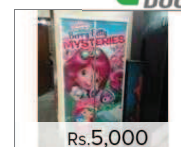


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# Aadhaar mandatory for govt benefits

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**H**yderabad: The AP government has decided to link Aadhaar with bank accounts to extend financial benefits under various schemes. Only those with Aadhaar-enabled bank accounts will be able to get the government benefits including pensions and scholarships. At present, only LPG subsidy is remitted to Aadhaar-enabled bank accounts of the beneficiaries.

Earlier, the state government had made Aadhaar mandatory for identification of the beneficiaries. Direct benefit transfer (DBT) scheme will be implemented by the state government for all its welfare schemes. Even the national rural employment guarantee scheme will be covered under the DBT.

The AP government's move comes in the wake of promulgation of the Aadhaar Act. Aadhaar Payment Bridge (APB) will replace the simple electronic fund transfer system to credit money into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.

Recently, the state government held a meeting with bankers, and officials of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), rural development and agriculture departments. The state will replicate the Central government's new guidelines on direct benefit transfer.

The AP government spends about Rs 450 crore a month on distribution of money to the beneficiaries of various schemes. It also disburses Rs 16 crore a day under the rural employment guarantee scheme. "We are training field level staff in the transfer of money to the beneficiaries. We are using a new software for the programme," said UIDAI deputy director-general MVS Rami Reddy.



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Dimapur, May 24: The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has informed that the Aadhaar card would be required to draw central sector scholarship from 2016. The chairman of the NBSE, Asano Sekhose, issued a notification on Tuesday listing out the riders for the scholarship.

“Aadhaar has been made mandatory for disbursement of all scholarships with effect from this financial year (2016-2017) onwards. Therefore, separate Bank Account in the name of the beneficiary is to be opened and the same need to be seeded with the Aadhaar number to enable direct transfer of scholarship to the bank account of each beneficiary,” the notification stated.

The Central Sector Scholarship Scheme for college and university students is under the department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development. It has been included in the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) program of the Government of India, the NBSE stated. The scholarships are disbursed directly into bank accounts of the beneficiaries from the 1st of January 2013 based on ‘eligibility lists furnished/uploaded by the State Education Boards.’

For online submission of applications for fresh and renewal of scholarship, a mechanism of National e-Scholarship (NeS) portal ([scholarships.gov.in](http://scholarships.gov.in)) has been developed. Fresh scholarships awarded during the financial year 2015-2016 were processed and disbursed through NeS portal, the NBSE stated.



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## Aadhaar for newborns in government hospitals

- Staff Reporter

Now, babies born in government hospitals can flaunt an Aadhaar card within 72 hours of being born. As part of a unique pilot project, the GHMC will hand out Aadhaar cards to newborns of five government hospitals in the city and link Aadhaar with the birth certificates. The initiative will take off in July first week in two maternity hospitals located in Petlaburj and Sultan Bazar as also Niloufer, Gandhi and Osmania hospitals.

Based on the feedback, the project was expected to be implemented in the remaining government and private hospitals. To effectively implement the project, tabs and enrolment kits along with GHMC staff would be deployed in the hospitals.

According to the GHMC officials, the photo of the newborn would be taken and the authentication of respective parents would be carried out through their Aadhaar cards after which an enrolment number was allotted.

Unlike the usual procedure, the newborns would not be required to give their IRIS or biometrics. But after attaining five years, the Aadhar card holder could go for re-enrolment by giving their IRIS scans and fingerprint impression.

According to Surendra Mohan, Additional Commissioner, IT, GHMC, the hospital staff would be trained to execute the project with the supervisor of the hospital being the in-charge. Mr. Mohan said digital locker accounts would be created for the newborns where information pertaining to birth certificates and Aadhaar card would be digitally stored along with defect certificates for those children born abnormally. He said the digital locker would help the health officials to monitor the condition of the babies from time to time.

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# Aadhaar-linked attendance a must

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**K**olhapur: The state public health department has decided to introduce Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) in all the government-run hospitals across Maharashtra.

The state government has asked all the authorities concerned to ensure that all the hospitals are equipped with the new system by July 31. The officials of the Kolhapur Zilla Parishad (ZP) have already initiated steps in this regard and said all the primary health centres will soon have the system in place.

According to the government resolution (GR) issued by the public health department, it has been decided to implement AEBAS in all its government health institutes/facilities as part of the 'digital India' programme.

The system enables an employee to register attendance by presenting his/her finger print/iris, which is authenticated online by one-to-one matching with the biometric stored in the UIADAI database.

District health officer Prakash Patil said, "We have received instructions from the state government in this regard. We are taking steps to implement the order in all the primary health centres and other hospitals attached with the ZP."

"We have asked all the employees to have their Aadhaar cards or numbers with them. We already use biometric machines to record attendance at every health office in villages. Now, we have to procure Aadhaar-enabled biometric machines and set them up at offices, which will have internet connection, and link with the website provided by the health department. All the public health personnel can register themselves through this machine by providing their Aadhaar numbers and other necessary details. The process will be completed within two weeks in Kolhapur district," he said.

"One of the important benefits of this system is that the employee can mark his/her attendance from any health centre. The move will help in increasing the mobility of employees and their efficiency," he added. Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) enables an employee to register attendance by presenting his/her finger print/iris, which is authenticated online by one-to-one matching with the biometric stored in the UIADAI database. The central government has introduced AEBAS in all its offices from November 21, 2014. In February 2016, the state government had linked the salary accounts and Aadhaar nos. of employees from the health department to start the system

## Benefits of the system

- \* Employees can mark attendance from any of the health facilities having AEBAS
- \* Employees, officials and nodal officers can themselves login to the system and view their monthly/daily attendance of their own or their unit
- \* Availability of real-time attendance data
- \* The user can receive SMS regarding his/her attendance
- \* Increases efficiency and accountability of officers

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RANCHI: Jharkhand will follow in the footsteps of Andhra Pradesh by linking Aadhaar cards to land registration. The state department for revenue, registration and land reforms will roll out the new system on a pilot basis in May.

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Recently, around 65% of land records available with 129 revenue offices (in 19 districts) of 262 have already been digitized under the National Land Records Modernization Programme (NLRMP). The department has also digitized 23,759 maps of 32,759 available.

Inaugurating a dedicated NLRMP cell at Sri Krishna Institute of Public Administration (SKIPPA), state minister for revenue, registration and land reforms Amar Kumar Bauri on Tuesday said that department is in talks with Ranchi administration to roll out the system in the state capital. "Since Jharkhand has managed to digitize a significant chunk of land records, the department is planning to start linking Aadhaar card numbers to both new and old right of registrations (RoR)," said Bauri.

Bauri also said linking Aadhar details with land registration will "curb fraudulent activities". The cell will be imparting training to revenue officials to use digital equipment.

"Around 153 revenue officials and allied staff have been given training. The department has set a July deadline for completing the training process across 262 revenue offices. The process of integrating registration and revenue offices have been completed in Ranchi, Ramgarh, Hazaribag, Lohardaga, Bokaro and East Singhbhum," said Rajeev Ranjan, director of revenue, registration and land reforms.

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# After a decade, LU to begin its exam from March 1

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LUCKNOW: After a decade, Lucknow University will begin its annual examinations for undergraduate courses from March 1 this year. Early examinations, said officials will result in timely declaration of results and beginning of academic session. Last year, the exams began from March 23, 11 days after it started in 2014. Stretching for two months, the exams usually end by the last of May, leading to delay in results, further causing the academic session to get derailed too.

Controller of examinations, SK Shukla said, With exams beginning from March 1, we will finish the exams by April end or May first week, giving us the advantage of declaring the results well before the June 30 deadline."

Those eligible for the exam this year will have to fill up the online forms at [www.luexam.net](http://www.luexam.net) latest till February 15. For the first time, students while filling up the online form will also have to provide their voter ID and Aadhar card details.

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# Appearing for SSC? Get an Aadhaar card first!

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HYDERABAD: If the stress of the ensuing board exams wasn't enough, students of state-run schools have another burden on their shoulders now - of getting themselves an Aadhaar card.

As strange as it may sound, the state education department, in a circular issued on November 26, has made it "mandatory" for all students appearing for their SSC examination in March 2016 to get their unique identification number (read: Aadhaar card) before they set foot inside the exam hall.

The strongly-worded circular states that "the nominal rolls (a document listing out all details) of SSC appearing candidates will not be accepted by the director of government examinations unless a certificate is enclosed stating that all candidates have been issued Aadhar number".

The deadline for submission of this information, the circular states, is December 15. Incidentally, the directive, a copy of which is in TOI's possession, fails to ascertain just why this detail is necessary.

School managements, predictably, are baffled. Terming it "unwarranted", they point out how it is also in sheer violation of a Supreme Court order issued in August this year. The SC directive, they point out, has made Aadhaar card mandatory only for those availing an LPG subsidy and reaping the benefits of the Public Distribution System.

"We have serious objection with the education department's decision to not accept candidates who fail to enroll for Aadhaar. It's a voluntary activity and cannot be forced upon anybody. Compelling students to get an Aadhaar card in the name of exams is simply obnoxious," Sreenivas Reddy, president of Telangana Private School Managements Association, told TOI.

There are over 5 lakh students waiting to appear for their SSC examination next year. Given that it takes almost 90 days to obtain an Aadhaar card, students do not have much time to complete the process.

Apart from SSC students, the new rule also extends to students from class 1 to 9. Officials said that an estimated 14 lakh students are yet to be enrolled in Telangana. "This step is being taken to determine students' data. The unique identification number of each student will provide the department with exact strength in government as well as private schools," said an education department official on condition of anonymity.

Despite repeated attempts by TOI, the school education commission G Kishan could not be reached for clarifications.

## Another worry for students

\* School education dept issues circular on Nov 26 making it mandatory for students appearing for SSC exam in March to give Aadhaar details

\* Deadline for submission of info is December 15

\* It takes almost 90 days to obtain an Aadhaar card

\* The directive, school managements say, is in violation of an SC directive regarding Aadhaar

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# Gujarat board makes Aadhaar mandatory for Class X, XII students

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**A**HMEDABAD: Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board (GSHSEB), in a significant decision, made it compulsory for students to mention their Aadhaar card numbers on board examination forms for class X and XII. The board made it clear that students who do not have Aadhaar cards will not be allowed fill examination forms.

GSHSEB in a circular to all schools said that students will have to mention their Aadhaar card numbers on examination forms. The board has said that schools should collate these numbers and ensure that all students have Aadhaar cards.

Board officials said students who do not have an Aadhaar card will have to get one. The board has informed students in advance, so they have some two months to get their cards. The board has also asked schools to arrange for camps at schools for students who do not have the card.

R I Patel, secretary of the board, says, "The government has made it compulsory as it has been decided that scholarship which for students will be directly deposited in the bank and this will be processed only on the basis of the Aadhaar card. "We have hence made it compulsory," he said.

The Gujarat government has made it mandatory for all beneficiaries of government schemes to have Aadhaar cards.

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## Hyderabad: Aadhaar number must during vehicle checks

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If motorists fail to provide the number, the vehicle will be seized, says Traffic DCP, A.V. Ranganath.



Mr Ranganath said that traffic enforcement staff have been provided hand-held devices. (Representational image)

**Hyderabad:** Following the death of young Ramya in an accident, in which all the accused were minors without driving licences, the traffic police has made Aadhaar number mandatory while checking vehicles.

Traffic DCP, A.V. Ranganath said that from Tuesday, the traffic wing would insist on Aadhaar number from motorists. "If motorists fail to provide the number, the vehicle will be seized. They can either show a photostat copy, cellphone photo or at least provide the number," he said.

He said that violations would be seeded with Aadhaar card. "Motorists without

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licences are being caught. Accountability of violations is not being registered. Aadhaar will be the solution for such problems," he said. Mr Ranganath said that traffic enforcement staff have been provided hand-held devices. "These devices will have database of Aadhaar cards. If anyone provides fake Aadhaar, our staff will detect it immediately," he said.

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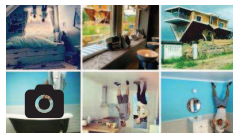


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Chief secretary Rajiv Sharma on Saturday launched the Visitor Pass Management System (VPMS) at the Secretariat for the visitors to enter Telangana Secretariat premises.

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The world's largest biometric identity project may become the foundation of railway travel in India, and passengers attempting to travel without an Aadhaar card could soon be denied a ticket.

Sources say Indian Railways is set to link passenger ticketing services with the database scheme, in what is being seen as a bid to slash spending on subsidies and other concessions.

Officials say the plan is aimed at curbing cases of impersonation.



The world's largest biometric identity project may become the foundation of railway travel in India, meaning that passengers attempting to travel without a Aadhaar card could soon be denied a ticket

The Railways' move will be in contrast with a Supreme Court order last year restricting the use of Aadhaar to the public distribution system (PDS) and LPG connections.

The unique identity project was started seven years ago, with the aim of helping citizens, especially those who have no other form of portable ID, such as a passport or driving licence, to access banking and government services for the first time.

However, the top court said the programme cannot be made mandatory for access to government benefits.

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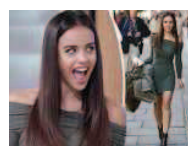
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The Railways' plan will be implemented in two phases, sources say.

In the first stage, it will be necessary to provide an Aadhaar number to get concessions under various quotas, such as those for senior citizens, freedom fighters, the disabled, students, and unemployed youths.

Indian Railways provides concessions in fares to 53 categories. A senior ministry official said the policy in this regard will be approved and implemented in 15 days.

In the second phase, that will take nearly two months, the Railways will link all ticketing services to the Aadhaar card.



During travel, the Aadhaar number listed on the ticket will be entered into a mobile device provided to each ticket examiner

This means that a passenger will have to provide the unique identity number at the time of booking a ticket either online or at the reservation windows.

Initially, Aadhaar will be required for booking reserved tickets, but later it will be made mandatory for unreserved tickets too.

Railway officials justified the move by saying this will ensure only genuine passengers travel by train.

They claimed that the majority of people are enrolled with Aadhaar, and so this will not affect them adversely.

A senior Railway Board official told Mail Today: "According to government statistics, 96 per cent of Indians have been given Aadhaar numbers. By making Aadhaar card mandatory, railways will be able to check impersonation and thus revenue losses".



Sources say Indian Railways is set to link passenger ticketing services with the Aadhaar scheme in a bid to slash spending on subsidies and other concessions

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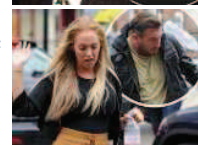
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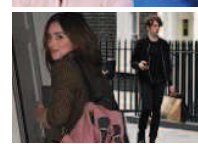
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# Modi government makes Aadhaar number compulsory for budding entrepreneurs to register new business

By [Vikas Dhoot](#), ET Bureau | Oct 20, 2015, 08:32 AM IST

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NEW DELHI: Even though the Supreme Court has only allowed Aadhar to be used 'voluntarily' for a few social welfare schemes, the Modi government has made it compulsory for any budding entrepreneur to submit her or his [Aadhaar](#) number in order to register a new business.

In fact, aspiring startups can't even 'fill' a new online form for registering new enterprises introduced last month unless the Aadhaar credentials of their promoters (sought in the first column of the form) are validated online.

The ministry for micro, small and medium enterprises had last month notified Udyog Aadhaar, taking a cue from the prime minister's radio show Mann Ki Baat, where he had talked about simplifying procedures to start a business with a single-page registration form.

Experts said this move is a violation of the Supreme Court order on Aadhaar. "The Supreme Court has been crystal clear on the Aadhaar number being voluntary for now," said Supreme Court lawyer Pavan Duggal. "So this would be a violation of the apex court's order and could be a fit case for contempt of court. This would also infringe on citizens' right to equality, as it would discriminate against people who don't have Aadhaar numbers yet."

Detailed queries sent to the government on Friday elicited no response till the time of going to press. Dhiraj Mathur, partner (tax and regulatory) at PwC said Aadhaar is essential to check leakages in subsidies and benefits paid out of taxpayer money, but it would not be correct to make it mandatory for starting a business unless the unique identification programme has not achieved full 'coverage' or enrolments. Industry representatives didn't want to comment on the matter, though they said they will take it up for internal discussions.

Some state governments had already voiced apprehensions about the need to ask only for entrepreneur's Aadhar number rather than other identification proofs in order to register their businesses. "In our state, Aadhar enrolment has only begun in three districts. We had advised the central government to consider allowing PAN cards or other identity documents as well," MV Ahmed, additional director of industries and commerce in the Assam government, told ET.

"But with Aadhaar linkage being mandatory in the form, we will not be able to submit any applications from our state," he said.



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Though investors can set up units using the state's own portal for registering [investments](#) under Rs 10 crore, Ahmed said the data cannot be shared with the Centre owing to this 'technical fault'. "That the [MSME](#) ministry maintains this website makes a mockery of all inthe orders issued by the Supreme Court," said Reetika Khara, associate professor (economics) at the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. "In fact, the SC order in early 2015 asked the government to modify its forms in order to be compliant with its orders and in August directed it to advertise the voluntary aspect

of Aadhaar. The most recent order on 15 October said voluntary use is allowed for PDS, [NREGA](#), National Social Assistance programme and [EPFO](#)," she pointed out.

"A large chunk of enterprises in India are simply not registered due to the cumbersome paperwork involved in the process and, therefore, can't tap the government schemes for them. The KV Kamath panel on financing the MSME sector, that has been the biggest job creator in recent years, had recommended that the registration should be universalized," said an official on the rationale behind the new one-page form.

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## NGOs have to register with NITI Aayog for grants

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Stepping up its scrutiny of NGOs, especially their financial dealings, the Centre has made obtaining unique identification numbers and registering them on the NITI Aayog portal, including the details of the Aadhaar and PAN numbers of all their trustees and office-bearers, mandatory for them to apply for grants from any ministry.

The decision was taken by the Aayog at its meeting on May 9, which Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired following which all ministries have been directed to process the proposal for grants and releases to the NGOs only through the Aayog's portal, according to the minutes seen by The Hindu.

At the meeting to review the progress in providing unique identifiers to entities, Aadhar enrolment and provision of direct benefit transfer and services, it was also decided that a system should be developed to give unique entity numbers to charitable trusts and societies.

"As Aadhaar Act has already been passed by Parliament, it was felt that further steps to use Aadhaar in various schemes ...should be initiated in accordance with the provisions of the Act," the minutes said. The Act was passed earlier this year after the Centre moved it as a money Bill since these need only Lok Sabha's nod for passage. The Rajya Sabha had approved amendments to the Bill moved by Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, which the Centre bypassed.

Significantly, a June 26 government notification said if an NGO receives government funding in excess of Rs 1 crore, those handling its day-to-day operations will be treated as public servants under the Lokpal and Lok Ayukta Act (2013).

In case of foreign funding, this limit was pegged at Rs 10 lakh a year.

The notification also said that managers, directors, board members of NGOs will have to declare their personal assets, jewellery, cash, moveable and immoveable property by July 31.

They will also be subject to rules and regulations for government officials under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

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The notification has caused considerable consternation in the community raising fears of excessive control by the Centre, though officials maintain the order is only to pave the way for making NGOs accountable.

Though an official source at the Aayog told *The Hindu* that registration is non-mandatory, the minutes of the May 9 meeting state that all NGOs "must be registered" with the Aayog's portal.

The official further clarified that the move aims to smoothen the process of identification, verification and facilitation — at both ends: for beneficiaries as well as contributors. "Whether contributors or beneficiaries, all will be able to access the money trail and the bank accounts...that is the idea behind the registration with unique identifying numbers," the source said.

N. Ramakrishnan, Executive Director Ideosync Media Combine, said this was only one in a long series of "impositions designed to harass and prevent dissent".

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# No salary to govt teachers sans Aadhaar

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Allahabad: The teachers of primary, secondary schools and aanganwadi workers would be paid directly to their Aadhaar-linked bank accounts. Which means they would have to get their unique ID cards made, if they haven't already done so. This follows the decision whereby it was made mandatory for schools to facilitate Aadhaar cards for students between 6 and 14 years of age.

The directions came straight from Director General, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

"The government wants to ensure that all the services are linked to Aadhaar card," said additional director (basic education) Ramesh Tiwari.

The Aadhar number has been proposed to be linked with teachers' bank accounts so that there can be direct salary transfer. Meanwhile, the work of linking Aadhaar card to the aaganwadi and school students' bank accounts started a year ago is still lagging behind. As per education department sources, thousands of students are still to be covered despite several rounds of talks with district level authorities.



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In a meeting at the state secretariat in Bhubaneswar held on 11 August 2016, it was decided to link Aadhaar cards of farmers to the cooperative banks and the peasants' accounts for online transfer of cost of paddy to be procured from the coming kharif season.

Both farmers and sharecroppers would link their Aadhaar cards for online payment of paddy cost. This apart, the government has also decided to link Aadhaar numbers of beneficiaries for availing ration under National Food Security Scheme and work under MG-NREGA.

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NEW DELHI: If you want to nominate someone for a Padma award this year, you can only do it online and you need to have an [Aadhaar number](#) to do so.

The Centre has changed rules to disallow any recommendations by way of physical letters or e-mails for [Padma Awards](#) scheduled to be given in 2017. To manage thousands of recommendations it gets every year, a 'Electronic Management System' through a portal had been set up by the government where all recommendations will need to come from individuals, ministries or the state governments, the Centre has said. While doing so, an individual will have to register on the portal with his details like his mobile phone number and e-mail and the registration process will not be complete till the 12-digit Aadhaar number is filled in. No other mode of nominations or recommendations besides on this portal will be accepted and same can be sent in through the portal from May 1 to September 15, the Centre has said.



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The Centre in a letter to all states on April 29 has further specified that states should keep in mind that since Padma award is the second highest in the country, they should consider whether a recommended person has earlier been given a national award or at least a state award in his respective field.



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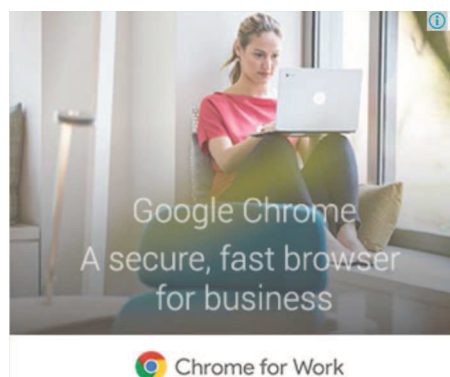
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Hyderabad: Production of Aadhar Card made compulsory for the parents of the students who have been sanctioned overseas scholarships. When the staff reporter of Siasat contacted the officials of the Dept. of Minorities Welfare, they said that it is legitimate to ask for producing Aadhar Card since only one individual in a family is eligible to get benefit under this scheme.



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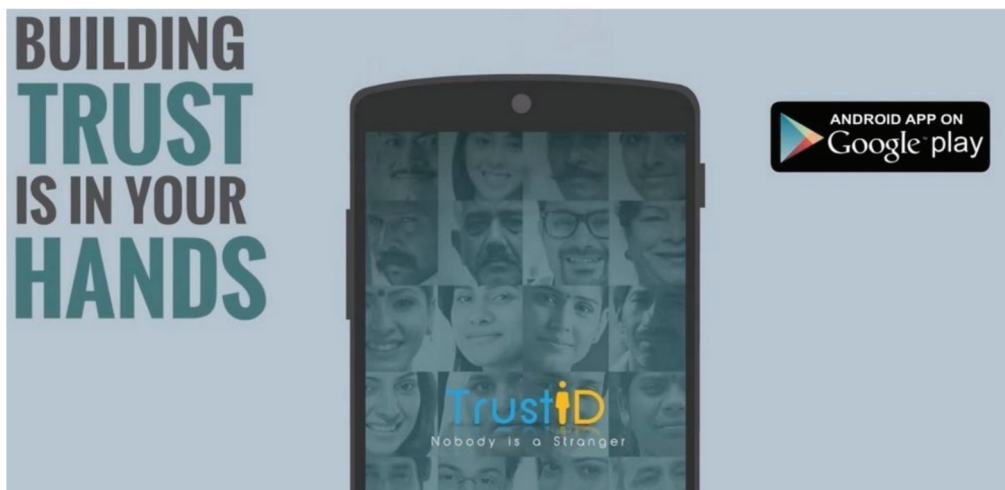
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**Swabhimaanya**, an organization authorized by Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has created **India's first Aadhaar Card linked app to verify any Indian citizen instantly.**

Termed as **'TrustId'**, this app has been specially developed for authenticating domestic helps and workers from unorganized sector.

Rahul Pagare, the CEO and founder of Swabhimaanya **said**, "The mobile application aims to provide instant verification using the Aadhaar number, name, gender and phone number of a person in less than a minute. It is a sort of assurance that the person is who he/she is says he/she is,"

## How It Works

After downloading the app, the user needs to enter the **Aadhaar Card + Name and Gender of the person he or she wishes to verify.** The app will directly connect with the main Aadhaar Card database, and authenticate the user as per the requirements.

Each user shall get **25 credit checks, which would be free.** After that, Rs 5 would be charged for each credit check.

Besides, the organization behind this app: Swabhimaanya also provides professional background check services which are paid and detailed.

Now, in case the Aadhaar card details are not present for any user (maybe they don't have any Aadhaar Card), then TrustID will automatically add that person's details in their own database, which can be used by any other person when searching the same.

**TrustID** has tied up with Gurgaon police as of now, so that domestic helps, tenants, employees can be verified. Once a person is verified using this app, that person is automatically registered with Gurgaon police.



## Identity Theft Made Easy?

There are 98 crore Indians who have Aadhaar Cards right now in India, and such open access to Aadhaar Card details of any Indian has raised concerns of privacy protection and identity thefts.

What if a gang which specializes in identity theft targets an individual, and retrieves all data pertaining to that person using this app? Last year in October, we had reported how **Aadhaar Card linked identity frauds** are **increasing** all over the country, and **how old age people are scammed** into giving their details which are **exploited by fraudsters.**

When Government declared that new businesses which wants to be get registered should **first apply**

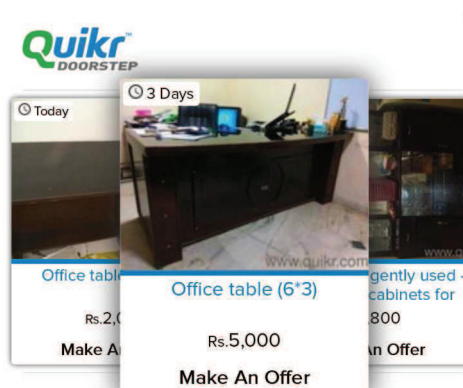
for Aadhaar Card, then the move vehemently opposed by advocates of privacy protection in India. In fact, Govt. is planning to link SIM cards with Aadhar Card, banks are planning to use Aadhaar Card for biometric authentication during point of sale; and even Know Your Customer procedure has been linked with Aadhaar Card.

**With TrustID, the only security feature is that, once a person is being verified using this app, that person will receive a call, informing that he or she is being verified.**

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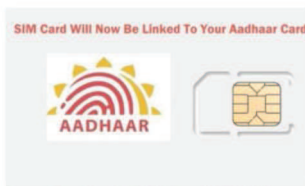
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# Aadhaar card: IGR to roll out digital locker from June

IGR officials, who were closely working with the National Informatics Centre, said the digilocker system enables department transfer of documents that will save a lot of time and paper work.

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The digital locker will make it easier for people to store, retrieve and share official documents safely.

The Inspectorate General of Registration and Stamps department is all set to initiate the digital locker system for e-registration where an individual will be able to save the agreement copy of the property, Index II as well as the receipt in a soft format on the centre's digital locker. The digital locker can only be operated if one has an Aadhaar card. With the Aadhaar coverage having increased in the state, the department is ready to roll out the services soon.

“The process will be initiated by next month which will enable the person to keep these documents on his/her name based on the Aadhaar number. With almost 80-90

## Aadhaar enabled biometric attendance system introduced in Shivamogga govt. schools

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To keep a tab: District in-charge Minister Kimmane Ratnakar launching the tablet device for the Aadhaar Enabled biometric attendance system in Shivamogga on Monday.— Photo: VAIDYA

The Zilla Panchayat has introduced Aadhaar enabled biometric attendance system (AEBAS) in government high schools across the district.

The Zilla Panchayat has provided an Android-enabled tablet for each school in which the AEBAS application is installed. The head master of the respective school will be the custodian of the device. The tablet phones were handed over to the headmasters by Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education Kimmane Ratnakar in a programme held at Zilla Panchayat hall in the city on Monday. President of the Zilla Panchayat Jyoti Kumar, Vice-President Veda Vijakumar, and Chief Executive Officer Rakesh Kumar were present.

Under AEBAS, the teachers should register with [ktzpshivamogga.attendance.gov.in](http://ktzpshivamogga.attendance.gov.in), the webportal of the Zilla Panchayat formed to monitor the attendance. After registration, a login ID and password would be provided for the user. The ID would be the first six or the last six digits of the Aadhaar number of the employee.

After accessing the portal through the login ID, the attendance should be registered by entering the biometric information which will be authenticated by matching it with the data stored in the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) database. The biometric details, including thumb impression of the user, would be verified with the data stored in the UIDAI database. Narayana Gowda, Deputy Director, Department of Public Instruction, told presspersons here that the tablet device, battery charger, USB cable and a SIM card have provided to the headmasters. An instruction manual has also been provided.

The working of AEBAS system would be monitored from the office of the National Informatics Centre on the premises of the Zilla Panchayat. The system has been adopted to ensure better monitoring of the attendance of teaching and non-teaching staff at government schools in the district. All the 16 government high schools in the district have been provided with the device.

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# Aadhaar in Andhra: Chandrababu Naidu, Microsoft Have a Plan For Curbing School Dropouts

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The massive data-driven governance project brings focus on the efficiency of government schools, data privacy and the role of Aadhaar in technology-driven development.





Aadhaar cards. Credit: PTI

**New Delhi/Bangalore:** Imagine the following. Two weeks after a new school year starts, the teacher of a government school in a tiny Andhra Pradesh town receives a message from her mandal’s education officer, informing her that of the twenty students in her class, six are likely to drop out by the end of the year.

At a meeting later that week with the education officer and the school’s principal, the teacher gets to know that if two of her students don’t score above 75% in English, they may feel that their chances of getting a job after graduating are slim and thus are unlikely to spend more time in formalised schooling.

At the fingertips of this education officer, just a mouse click away, is a wealth of data that will allow her to make better decisions – courtesy of a faceless machine from Microsoft’s high-tech, machine learning lab.

Come this summer season, this futuristic scenario is likely become a reality for a little over 5 million students and 10,000 schools in Andhra Pradesh.

The Chandrababu Naidu-led administration plans to triangulate and collect information from a number of databases including the Aadhaar system, funnel that data into Microsoft’s machine learning platform, use the company’s software to flag at-risk children, and ultimately “monitor” a student as she moves throughout her

academic journey.

The state government's ambitious plan – for which *The Wire* spoke to representatives from Microsoft, various Andhra Pradesh government officials and activists who work in the field of education – represents not only Big Data-fuelled decision-making in action but also highlights the intimidating potential of the UID project (<http://thewire.in/2016/03/17/the-technocratic-visions-of-nandan-nilekani-what-an-aadhaar-enabled-future-may-look-like-24966/>).

The problem that Naidu and Microsoft are looking to solve is both simple on paper and dangerously tragic in reality: various organisations put the dropout rate of students who enter government schools in India from anywhere between (<http://www.youthkiawaaz.com/2015/01/right-to-education-act-and-drop-outs-in-india/>) 40% (<http://www.youthkiawaaz.com/2015/01/right-to-education-act-and-drop-outs-in-india/>) (before reaching 8th standard) to 64% (<http://www.cry.org/rights-to-know/statistics-on-children-in-india.html>) (in the case of girl students). Andhra Pradesh, in particular, has a bad reputation on this front, with activists pointing out (<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hyderabad/Andhra-tops-in-girl-school-dropouts-Activists/articleshow/23937897.cms>) that seven out of every 10 girl students drop out before they reach 10th standard.

The consequences of this problem have been showing for sometime. Data from (<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/education/story/andhra-pradesh-education/1/649636.html>) the recently released National Sample Survey shows that the literacy rate in both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana is the second lowest in the country after Bihar.

### **A more effective grip**

The need for any form of algorithmic regulation stems from a lack of control and Andhra Pradesh and its problem of school dropouts are no different. As one Andhra Pradesh government official put it, it's difficult for the state government to have a pulse on the exact state of its schools and their overall efficiency.

“We get data from our schools, on dropouts, three months down

the line. Everything has a time-lag and therefore it's tough to take decisions and understand what works. A comprehensive look has not been taken at which school locations do better than one another when it comes to dropouts," the official, who didn't wish to be identified, says.

Enter Microsoft. Last year, when CEO Satya Nadella was in Hyderabad to meet Naidu, Microsoft and the state government signed a number of agreements to use the software giant's machine learning software and apply them in the areas of education, agriculture and e-citizen services. According to Microsoft, these solutions would be "built and deployed to address specific problems within each of the fields to achieve better outcomes for the state."

"What was offered was literally a solution. Azure, our cloud offering, comes with a bunch of high-value services which are effectively part of the overall Cortana Analytics Suite (CAS). CAS has a lot of tools and algorithms... a lot of data-crunching capabilities that can provide a lot of useful insight as long as you pump in the data and the right modelling," Anil Bhansali, Managing Director of Microsoft India (R&D) told *The Wire*.

## **Building the data pipeline**

Getting the right data has proven to be a trying, if surmountable obstacle, for Microsoft and the state government. The pilot project that the two parties ran earlier this year, which covered a little over 1,000 schools and used the data of 50,000 students, was restricted to tenth standard students.

Why tenth standard? Bhansali refers it to as one of a few inflexion points, because "that's [10th standard] when you have one of your first standardised tests and there are a reasonable set of students who drop out from 10th to 11th." Tenth standard is also, incidentally, where the state government has a great deal of digitised data on its students: the results of the tenth board examination are already online and the state's education department also has access to the children's hall-ticket data which

has details on gender and subject wise grading.

Microsoft's CAS works at two different levels: its most basic function serves as a form of business intelligence, which gives the Andhra Pradesh education department simple analytics such as the percentage of girl students that drop out versus boys; students from X region are more likely to pass eight standard than students from Y region and so on.

Its machine learning capabilities however also allow it to carry out more complex, predictive analytics. Given historical data and specific parameters that adequately measure the driving forces behind school dropouts, the software can start extracting patterns and start making predictions on which student is likely to drop out.

The three databases that the Andhra Pradesh government has tapped into, and which was fed into Microsoft's system, are: the Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE), educational assessment data that was taken from various sources, and socio-economic information from the UIDAI-Aadhaar system.

These three sources of data correspond to three attributes that the two parties believe contribute greatly towards dropping out: how well the student does academically, the school's physical infrastructure and teacher skill and experience level, and the student's socio-economic status.

The U-DISE database — which is a nation-wide database set up by the Ministry of Human Resources Development — contains school infrastructure information (how many functioning toilets etc) and data on teachers and their work experience. It's a valuable and relatively easy resource to tap into.

Student assessment and enrolment data is perhaps the most difficult as when the project expands to include lower classes, a lot of this still needs to be digitised in a format that Microsoft's software can consistently tap into. Last but not least, as discussed and analysed below, the Aadhaar database provides the missing piece (socio-economic information) as well as serving as a

foundation for the Andhra Pradesh government to keep track of its students.

## Click and see the dropout



Microsoft is going on the offensive this time.

Credit: The Intercept/Getty Images

While actual, targeted interventions didn't happen during the pilot project, the Microsoft system now, according to Bhansali, has an over 90% prediction rate for determining

who is at risk of dropping out. This number however may change once the company gets yearly feedback and see if its predictions match the students who drop out.

The end result is a rather simple web portal that comes with a database on student dropout predictions that can be accessed by each mandal's education officer, who will use that data to hopefully intervene. "Literally the education officer at the mandal level or district level can choose the mandal and a specific school and what they can get is a list of students along with the probability of whether they will drop out," says Bhansali.

"They [the Andhra Pradesh government] want every school principal to be able to see this model and see that anybody who is at risk of dropout, there is sort of customised counselling and help."

Some of the initial insight from Microsoft's software re-affirms long-standing notions of what causes school dropouts — girl students tend not to attend classes if toilets in a school do not work — but other factors such as how well students score in key subjects like Mathematics or English speak to educational theories ([http://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil\\_nadu/article1320844.ece](http://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil_nadu/article1320844.ece)) of how outdated and irrelevant school syllabuses may be holding back students who can't and don't follow a traditional schooling route.



“Traditionally, we’ve focused a lot into infrastructure, which is of course important. But for students to continue, they also need to perform well. What we see from the data is of course that students from English-medium schools tend to drop out less than local language schools. But also that if students score less in Mathematics and English they feel that their chance of getting a white collar job after twelfth standard or getting into a good college is less and so they stop coming to school,” said one Andhra Pradesh education department official.

## **Algorithmic governance**

The idea behind algorithmic governance or regulation is simple: it allows the government to do away with its previously inefficient and bureaucratic methods of deciding where to allocate resources, how to judge institutions based on their past and future performances, and how to assess the efficiency of a recent law or regulation.

Consequently, dropouts may end up being only the tip of the iceberg. As Bhansali points out, the same set of “very rich data” could be used to analyse a number of other issues, both within the field of education and outside it.

“Now, the set of data we have... we could and are using it to answer the question of who will drop out and who will not. But I could [also] in theory, and we are working with the education department... actually figure out which teachers are being more efficient,” he says.

In this context, the data pipelines that have been set up could be used to judge the efficiency of various government schools and divert resources and attention to weaker performers while rewarding and learning lessons from schools that do a better job at educating its students and curbing dropouts.

It could also be used to address the weaknesses of the average government school teacher. While the current project is already aimed at doing so, by helping predict dropouts, the machine

learning software could also be used as an indicator of how well a teacher thinks her class is doing. For instance, in tenth and twelfth standard classes, which is when standardised tests take place, a teacher roughly knows what percentage of her class will do well, what percentage will fail and so on.

The Microsoft system could potentially be used therefore to keep track and determine the difference between predicted and actual outcomes. This would effectively introduce a system of accountability: If a teacher can't provide an accurate assessment of her class's success, either there are factors beyond the teacher's control or the teacher requires greater training.

## **The Aadhaar-Andhra Nation**

For the Andhra Pradesh government, the Aadhaar system is crucial to its project of predicting dropouts and using technology to increase the efficiency of its schools. At the most fundamental level, socioeconomic indicator data from the UID database is fed into Microsoft's software.

Aadhaar data also helps in building a socioeconomic profile of the student. One person with direct knowledge of the matter told this correspondent that the state government could use the UID system to identify whether a student's parents were part of the NREGA system; thus providing it with data on potential income and family status which in turn could help in predicting dropout risk. *The Wire*, however, couldn't independently confirm this claim though.

This lays the ground-work for a system that, according to a Microsoft newsletter, can capture a "360-degree view of students, mapped close to 100 variables".

An integral part of this is how the Aadhaar system is also being positioned as a method to track a student's journey through the education system. The need for this became clear during the pilot project, when the government needed to pinpoint the number of dropouts between tenth and twelfth standard. To do this, the tenth standard results of all students had to be connected to their

enrolment in the eleventh standard after which the exit points of the dropouts could be mapped.

This becomes an exhausting process if the government has to do it for each student within the state as they move from elementary to higher education. Obviously, there needs to be greater collaboration between departments and ensure that school management information systems can link up, one government official admitted, while speaking with *The Wire*.

The most attractive solution, however, would be to use the Aadhaar platform as a unique identifier, thus allowing the government to follow a student throughout his education journey. There are a number of indicators that the Andhra Pradesh government is headed in that direction: *The Sakshi Post* (<http://www.sakshipost.com/index.php/news/state/77386-aadhaar-compulsory-for-ssc-students.html>) has covered extensively the state government's initiatives at making the Aadhaar card compulsory for students. A few months ago, it published a report that detailed the government's efforts in collecting the Aadhaar details of nearly "41 lakh school students out of a total 60 lakh students."

The reasons given for the state government's aggressive Aadhaar push are similar to how Aadhaar has been sold elsewhere; that it would go a long way in eliminating double admissions and examination fraud. However, other measures that the education department is mulling — for instance the implementation of the Aadhaar number on the Class X marksheet — dovetail nicely with the project of curbing dropouts and being able to track the state's students as they move from one grade to another.

## **Privacy privacy privacy**

The elephant in the room — when it comes to any sort of data-driven governance and algorithmic regulation — is that of privacy. Embarking on projects such as this without proper safeguards, especially in light of the debate surrounding the Aadhaar system and the lack of privacy legislation in India, could be downright dangerous. At the end of the day, terabytes of data

are being funnelled towards to a Silicon Valley-based company whose community's approach towards privacy has taken a beating since the Edward Snowden revelations.

When asked, Bhansali pointed out that unless the client asks for it, no personally identifiable information is used.

“We take it [privacy] very seriously. These data centres [for the project] are in India. When we work for the government, the data resides in India. From that point of view, nothing goes out of the country,” he says.

In addition to this, Microsoft also claims that the data is tied to the Andhra Pradesh government account and that the company itself doesn't have the right to use it or repurpose it. “We don't store any of the data ourselves.. It's tied to the government's account. The Andhra Pradesh government owns that data, that nobody else shares or uses. They decide whether the data needs to be shared,” Bhansali said.

## **Effectiveness and legacy**

The Andhra Pradesh- Microsoft data-driven governance initiative represents a growing number of attempts at using citizen data to increase the efficiency of the Indian State; to make more informed decisions. Decisions that in the past were perhaps made by intuition, or a need to impress a certain constituency, but can now be taken with the help of cold-hard facts.

How successful will Naidu and Microsoft's attempt be at curbing school dropouts? Anita Kumar of Plan India – NGO that fights for girl child education and against child labour in Andhra Pradesh, has one or two concerns but believes that overall the project definitely has the potential to help.

“Firstly, there are a few fundamental issues which plague school dropouts. Fundamental issues such as how far away the school is from a girl student's home. While it is officially supposed to be one

kilometre away, in tribal and forest regions this is rarely so, social issues also still persist,” says Kumar.

To be fair, however, algorithmic regulation isn’t geared to deal with these issues and Kumar agrees. Where she thinks it will be effective is in hopefully highlighting how a one-size-fits-all curriculum doesn’t work for a substantial number of government schools and increasing the accountability of teachers.

“What is missing in Andhra Pradesh especially, and generally throughout India, is a high quality of engagement with the child. That child-friendliness atmosphere is lacking in government schools. The teaching methodology is not participatory and we aren’t looking at how we engage the child and so on. These factors can’t be immediately quantified as well,” she says.

While the child-friendliness of government schools in Andhra Pradesh can’t be quantified, the data that does exist on problems such as corporal punishment in government schools isn’t pretty. In July 2015, a school in Telangana made news (<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hyderabad/Student-dies-after-corporal-punishment-by-teacher-in-Telangana/articleshow/48187118.cms>) after a student died after being forced to kneel in the hot sun as punishment for not completing her homework.

A number of studies (<http://www.childlineindia.org.in/pdf/MWCD-Child-Abuse-Report.pdf>) over the last five years consistently place Andhra Pradesh as one of the top three states in terms of corporal punishment at schools.

The initial results of a Young Lives India Study conducted across a ten-year period (with 2016 set to be the last round of surveys) in Andhra Pradesh showed that 92% of younger students reported witnessing some form of corporal punishment at school while 77% of younger students personally experienced some form of corporal punishment at schools.

“If students continue to be beaten and the teacher-student relationship doesn’t change, then dropouts will continue,” Kumar



says.

Microsoft and Bhansali agree on this count. “Technology can’t solve all the problems,” says Bhansali. “It can help the organisation and allow us to conduct meaningful interventions. Can our software be fed data, analyse a problem, allow for more targeted intervention and then reduce the percentage of dropouts? That’s our aim.”

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# Aadhaar to Keep Track of Juveniles

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**Aadhaar is a 12-digit individual identification number issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India.**

NEW DELHI: In an attempt to keep track of children across all juvenile homes and adoption centres in the country, the government has decided to make Aadhaar enrollment compulsory for all such juveniles. This will also help in curbing crimes against children, such as trafficking, as it will give them a foolproof identity as well as enable them to avail government schemes.

"We are considering the move as children who come into juvenile homes or correctional facilities just disappear when they leave. To rehabilitate them, we need a very strong identification mechanism," an official in the Ministry of Women and Child Development told The Sunday Standard.

The move comes in the backdrop of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) conducting a survey of juvenile homes, which is a precursor to major changes and improvements which the government is planning in them.

"Though the process of providing Aadhaar to juvenile homes has already started, we will begin on a mass footing when the survey is completed," the official said.

Aadhaar is a 12-digit individual identification number issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India. It serves as a proof of identity and address anywhere in India.

The government has already made registration of all children's homes compulsory with the new amendments to the Juvenile Justice Act. Juvenile homes and children's homes in India have pathetic living conditions, with crimes being committed against children in them.

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In order to reduce the interface between taxman and the taxpayer, the department has recently operationalised the maiden facility on its official e-filing portal.

"One EVC can be used to validate one form of the assessee irrespective of the assessment year. The EVC will be stored against the assessee PAN along with other verification details.

The EVC will be valid for 72 hours or as otherwise specified," a notification in this regard said.

The Electronic Verification Code (EVC) works by way of generating a personalised OTP by using the Aadhaar database or the net banking identity of a filer or entity. The OTP is subsequently sent to the personal email id or mobile phone of the filer for validation and subsequent process of filing.

The facility of filing the appeal form, like filing Income Tax Returns (ITRs), can also be done using a digital signature on the official web portal of the tax department-- <http://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in/>.

The existing two-page document used for this, called 'Form No. 35', has been re-formatted by the department recently so that it can be electronically uploaded on the said e-filing portal.

In the new e-form, an applicant or taxpayer seeking appeal against an Assessing Officer's order has been given an avenue to append 'Statement of Facts' in 1,000 words as also furnish the grounds of appeal in another 100 words.

Documentary evidence can also be appended to the new form by an assessee using the internet-based facility.

The IT department has four stages of appeal mechanism for the assesseees to put forth their grievance beginning with the Commissioner of IT (Appeals), the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT), the High Court and finally the Supreme Court.

The new form is applicable for the CIT (Appeal) fora and those taxpayers who file e-returns will be eligible to use this new facility.

In view of launch of this facility and activation of a select category of ITRs last week, the taxman had also asked filers to "update their profile and select higher security option to secure their e-filing account" created over the portal.

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"The new format for filing of appeals is more structured, objective, systematic and aligned with the current provisions of the Income Tax Act," the Central Board of Direct Taxes had earlier said.

With these changes, it had said, the "burden of compliance on the taxpayers in appellate proceedings will be significantly reduced."

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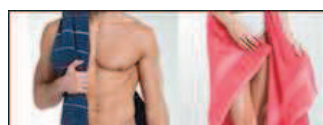
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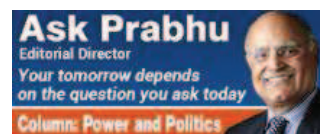
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In a press release, the collector said they have presented the proposed project to the PMO officials and the same had been approved. The project would be implemented on pilot basis in two districts of each state and in Andhra Pradesh, Krishna is one of the two districts selected for the pilot projects.

He said using wetland, LEC Data, Aadhaar Seeding, soil health tests and e-Panta programmes can be effectively implemented. According to him, regulation of fertiliser use has been taken up under BAPU (Biometrically Authenticated Physical Uptake). He said that already the system had been taken up in 20 fertiliser shops in the district on March 8.

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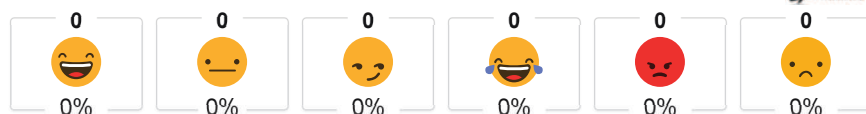
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KOCHI: The State Government is planning to introduce a e-health register that is linked to Aadhaar card, with the aim of providing comprehensive healthcare to the common man, said Health and Family Welfare Minister K K Shailaja.

The e-register, containing health status of all citizens, will be an authentic document on the public health of Kerala society.

Speaking after inaugurating new the cathlab and advanced intensive care unit at Ernakulam General Hospital here on Tuesday, Shailaja said, "such a facility will be helpful when patients are rushed to hospital in emergency situations. In phase-II, the project will be implemented in seven districts, including Ernakulam," said the Minister, adding that the government had started inspecting the taluk and district hospitals in the State.

"Government hospitals are still functioning with the staff pattern set in 1961. A change in staff pattern is essential to make functioning of the hospitals more effective. Despite Kerala being the best in the country in public healthcare, almost all hospitals in the State are over-crowded," said Shailaja, adding that the government's aim was to provide better treatment at reasonable cost.

"Primary Health Centres will be converted into 'Family Health Centres,' where the health status of people from a particular region could be monitored. There is nothing wrong in integrating Yoga into treatment, if it could have a positive result. But, it should be done in a secular manner," she said.

Shailaja is of the opinion that hospital buildings should look beautiful. "The

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ambiance of hospitals can have an impact on patients. Beautifying hospital building and their surroundings will be great relief to patients. The Hospital Development Committees can do a lot in this regard," she said.

The function was presided over by Hibi Eden MIA. District Collector M G Rajamanickam welcomed the gathering. MLAs M Swaraj, K J Maxi and John Fernandez; former MLA Ludy Louiz; former MP P Rajeev; district panchayat president Asha Sanil; councillors and senior doctors were also present

#### Govt service mandatory for PG doctors

Later, speaking at a meet-the-press programme held at the Ernakulam Press Club, the Minister said the government was planning to make government service mandatory for those who complete medical PG courses.

"A decision in this regard was taken as the government is finding it difficult to get specialist doctors to work in the public sector. There have been complaints of dearth of specialist doctors in many hospitals. Though the government is ready to make appointments, most specialist doctors are not willing to join government service. The plan is to make government service mandatory for a minimum of three years. It is a fact that the government sector is not attractive in terms of monetary benefit. But, doctors should consider it as their responsibility to serve society," said the Minister, adding that a health policy was being prepared.



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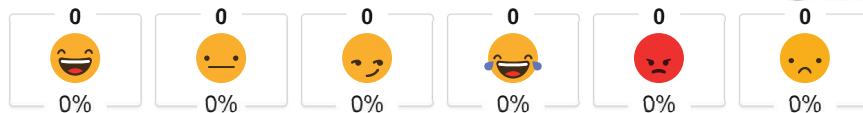
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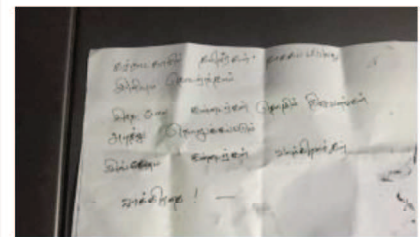


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# Aadhar cards to be linked with national population register

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GURGAON: The national population register (NPR) for district will soon be updated with Aadhar Card details of the residents. Deputy commissioner T L Satyaprakash said on Tuesday that the Aadhar Card numbers will be added to the details of the census residents all over the district. The census surveyors will go to people's homes in Gurgaon and will take details of the resident's Aadhar card, which will then be entered into the NPR.

Gurgaon was divided into 3,243 blocks during the last survey in 2010 and each block had around 150 houses. This time each surveyor will visit three blocks. The residents can also correct any information like name, date of birth, address etc if it was submitted wrong last time. Sources reveal that around 86.3 per cent residents in Gurgaon have Aadhar cards, and their UID information will now be added to NPR.

The DC has appointed tehsildars, MCG zonal taxation officers and municipal secretaries as the charge officers in their areas. Respective SDMs will be the overall incharges who will report to joint commissioners in MCG. The process will start by the end of February.



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# About 1.5 lakh AIIMS' patients benefited from online registration system: Government

*The software can be utilised online or through a web-kiosk or through a call centre. As on February 22, this year 1.49 lac patients have benefited by this facility," Health Minister J P Nadda said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha.*

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**New Delhi:**

About 1.5 lakh patients have benefited from the online registration system (ORS) which was launched in AIIMS in New Delhi last year,

the government today said.

"ORS has been launched in AIIMS, New Delhi on July 4, 2015. The ORS has linked all departments of AIIMS in New Delhi on the Aadhar enabled software platform.

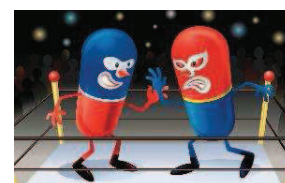


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He said the online appointment facility has already been started in AIIMS, Bhubaneshwar, Raipur and Jodhpur. In AIIMS, Patna, online appointment facility has been started on trial basis, he said.

He said in some of the clinical departments for elective or non-emergency procedures there is a waiting time of up to 3-6 months.

"To reduce the waiting time, the government has taken a number of steps which include recruitment of more faculty, para-medical and nursing staff, additional operation theatres and IPD wards and augmentation of patient-care facilities," he said.

ORS application has been hosted on the cloud services of NIC. The portal facilitates online appointments with various departments of hospitals using eKYC data of Aadhaar number, if patient's mobile number is registered with UIDAI.

And in case mobile number is not registered with UIDAI it uses patient's name. New patient will get appointment as well as Unique Health Identification (UHID) number. If Aadhaar number is already linked with UHID number, then appointment number will be given and UHID will remain same.

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Private sector bank DCB Bank on Monday launched the first Aadhaar-enabled ATM in Bengaluru (Bangalore). The ATM accepts Aadhaar number and finger-print to make cash withdrawals and other transactions.

"Bengaluru is an important centre for us. We are delighted to launch Bengaluru's first Aadhaar based ATM, a unique and transformative facility for users. These ATMs are testimony to our commitment to invest in customer facing technology and promote a new way of banking," Naseer Munjee, chairman, DCB Bank, said in a statement.



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The first-of-its kind ATM was launched by Nandan Nilekani, former chairman of the Unique Identification Authority of India.

"I am delighted that DCB Bank is launching an Aadhaar -based ATM in Bengaluru, the first such facility in the city. I am confident the ATM will provide Aadhaar cardholders a convenient way to withdraw cash," Nilekani said in a statement.

In April 2016, a similar bank pilot was launched in Mumbai. This was followed by the launch of an Aadhaar based ATM in Punjab and Odisha.

DCB Bank plans to upgrade all of its 400 ATMs to provide Aadhaar-based functionality in the next six months.

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# Axis Bank to offer electronic signature facility to its customers

By *Saloni Shukla*, ET Bureau | Dec 18, 2015, 06.19 PM IST

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The new service will facilitate a [Aadhaar](#) holder to digitally sign a document within seconds. The government had launched "e-sign" services early this year as part of its [digital India](#) campaign.

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'eSign' will help bank customers to get a digital signature certificate; sign documents, application forms and submit these digitally signed documents to the bank in a secure online manner, at the click of a button.

"eSign will be integrated with a host of Bank's products and will help in quicker, more efficient and secure processing of customer requests, Rajiv Anand, Group Executive and Head Retail Banking, Axis Bank said in a statement.

This new service will also reduce customer visits to bank branches and will be conducted in a totally paperless manner.

The service rides on Aadhar authentication and will generate the digital signature automatically. The generated signature is legally valid and secure.

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## Bajaj Finserv launches an instant loan approval app

Nidhi Singal November 4, 2015

Bajaj Finserv, India's leading consumer durable finance company has launched a new EMI finance app which provides an Instant Approval for loan up to Rs 3 lakh. Available for consumers to download, the app offers documentation free loan approval on the basis of keying in the PAN card or Aadhar card number. It can also access basic information once the app is linked with Gmail, Facebook or Twitter.

According to Bajaj Finserv, this app approves the loan in 60 seconds for the offline as well as online stores. While Bajaj Finserv has tied up with over 12,000 partners including Croma, Vijay Sales, HomeTown, etc., the online partners are limited at the moment.

"At the backend, the app is connected with cibil score and robust analytics solution and has got security layers to ensure confidentiality and personal data information. Using the Aadhar card number or Pan card number provided, all the customer details are procured with ease for decision making", says Devang Mody, president - consumer finance, Bajaj Finance Ltd.

Launched 10 days back, the company has already received over 32,000 applications and it is expecting over 18 lakh applications during this festive season.

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## Beyond Payments: How the Unified Payments Interface Will Evolve

Gopal Sathe, 18 April 2016

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There's been a lot of buzz around the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**, which was **launched last week**. The system has 19 banks on board, including well known names such as Axis, ICICI, and HDFC, and many more are expected to sign on over the course of this year, according to National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) MD and CEO AP Hota.

As **we've explained before**, the UPI is a major innovation in banking that helps solve a lot of the same problems that a debit card was fixing earlier. It uses your mobile as a way to authenticate your identity, essentially turning the phone into a debit card that you can use anywhere.

In a sentence, UPI allows you to instantly transfer money to someone else using the IMPS payment framework, without having to know their bank account number or IFSC code. All you need is their virtual identity, which could be gopal@icici (just as an example), or 1234567890@axis (just replace 1234567890 with your phone number here).

The system would instantly verify the payment requests on your phone, so it's as secure as existing methods, and this means that you could easily make a payment online without having to jump through the various hoops that net banking, or even card payments, put you through.

But apart from that, it's also important to remember that the UPI is not the final stopping point that the NPCI has been looking at. In a **107 page document detailing the technical specifications fo the UPI**, the NPCI talks about various features that have barely been discussed in public at this stage.



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KOCHI: The [Cochin](#) Chamber of Commerce & Industry is launching an Aadhaar based e-Certificate of Origin service.

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This user-friendly online solution enables the Cochin Chamber of Commerce& Industry to manage digital requests and digitally sign off electronic certificates of origin on behalf of exporters and freight forwarders.

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# Crackdown on double enrolments

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**R**ANCHI: The school education and literacy department has decided to maintain a record of government school students' aadhaar card numbers to avoid duplicate enrolments.

"As per school registers, around 50 lakh students have been enrolled into government schools. But, when we go through mid-day meal lists, we discover that only 36 lakh students are availing of MDM. When we visit schools for inspection, few of them have more than 60% attendance," department secretary Aradhana Patnaik said.

Patnaik said these incidents indicate discrepancies in maintaining enrolment records in schools. "We have been notified of cases where a child has been enrolled in more than one school, or, despite enrolment does not attend classes," said Patnaik.

There could be reasons behind double enrolments, Patnaik said. "A few children are enrolled into private schools, but are also enrolled into a government school to avail certain benefits," said the secretary.

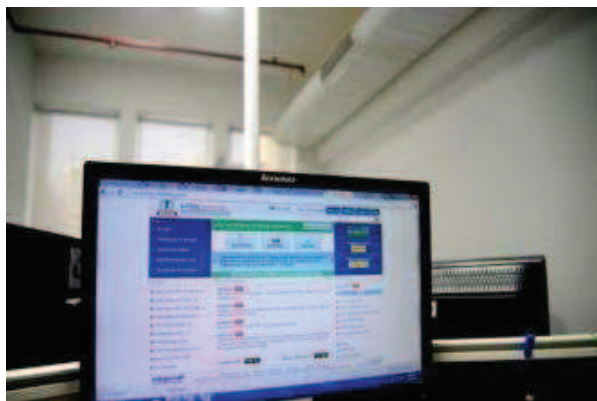
Patnaik said, "Another reason for double enrolments could be to recruit more para teachers. According to the rules, one extra para teacher has to be recruited for every 40 students enrolled."

Under the new system, a record of students' aadhaar card numbers will be maintained at the block level. "We have decided to keep a record of aadhaar numbers as it is unique and most students have it. If there is a duplication, we will be able to cross check information and remove ghost enrolments from our database. This will ensure that only needy students avail the benefits under government schemes," Patnaik said.

# De-jargoned: E-filing vault

This facility is similar to the process followed for most online banking transactions

Ashwini Kumar Sharma



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On 4 April, the income tax department introduced a new facility called e-filing vault. It adds a second level of authentication for logging into your e-filing account, to prevent undue access to people's financial information. Once you opt for this facility, a one-time password (OTP) will be needed every time you or someone else wants to open your e-filing account.

## UPGRADING SECURITY

E-filing accounts contain financial details such as your permanent account number (PAN), address, bank account details, tax deducted at source, and history of income tax returns filed earlier. Since it contains almost all the financial details of an assessee, it is essential that the account is secure. The e-filing vault facility helps do this.

According to a release by the finance ministry, "By using this facility, taxpayers can prevent anyone from logging in even if in the past they shared the user ID and password. The dual factor authorisation

ensures higher degree of security compared to the simple user ID and password." This facility is similar to the process followed for most online banking transactions. Many banks need you to enter an OTP or a few digits from your ATM card for fund transfer or making payments.

To use the e-vault facility, you need to login to your tax e-filing account on [www.incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in](http://www.incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in). Then, under the 'profile settings' tab, look for 'E-filing Vault—higher security'. Click on this option and you can choose to login using any one or more higher security methods—Aadhaar linkage to generate OTP; Net banking; or Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). Once you choose, the next time you login, an additional check of OTP using Aadhaar, Net banking or DSC will be applicable. For example, if you choose Net banking, you would need to login to your Net banking account to access the e-filing portal. For using Aadhaar or DSC, you first need to register these details with the e-filing account.

## RESETTING PASSWORD

On the same e-filing vault—higher security page, there is also an option to choose how you would like to reset your password in case you forget the existing one. The same three options for adding a layer to the login process are also available for password change. One can select the process of resetting the password using any one or more options. This is to ensure that no one else is able to reset your password even if the secret question's answer or e-filing OTP is known.

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The tax department plans to further upgrade security. "Additional EVC (electronic verification code) options using ATM, bank account validation or demat account validations are shortly going to be introduced and these options will also be available for higher level of security for login as well as resetting of password," said the release. While setting a login password, the department advises all taxpayers to use a strong password and select the e-filing vault option to add an additional layer of security.

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# Eko partners NPCI to allow Aadhaar-linked money transfers

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NEW DELHI: Mobile-based fintech startup [Eko](#) has tied up with [National Payments Corporation of India](#) (NPCI) to launch Aadhaar-based remittance service that will allow the former's 12.5 million customers to send and receive money in a hassle-free manner.

"Eko has successfully integrated with [Aadhaar](#) Based Remittance Service (ABRS) extended by NPCI," the fintech firm said in a release.

"With the advent of this association, customers will reap various benefits as transactions will be made independent of information like bank name, account number, [IFSC code](#), etc. that are currently required for any financial transfers," it added.

The association will ease remittances for Eko's 12.5 million customers with hassle-free transfers to bank accounts linked with Aadhaar card, Eko further said.



"Eko has successfully integrated with Aadhaar Based Remittance Service (ABRS) extended by NPCI," the fintech firm said in a release.

Eko said it is amongst the few wallet issuers or Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI) issuers which provide this facility.

"The partnership with the Aadhaar system is certain to bring forth a revolution in offering hassle-free yet secure financial transactions to customers," said Abhishek Sinha, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, Eko India Financial Services.

Dilip Asbe, Chief Operating Officer, NPCI said: "This development will enhance customer convenience towards remittance services. With Eko, we are opportunely exploring feasibility of using Aadhaar as a factor of authentication for payment transactions."

It is also in line with the RBI's vision of building best of class payment and settlement systems for a 'less-cash' India, he said.

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## Employees may have to declare 'bigamy' in service book: Govt

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The employees need to give a declaration regarding bigamy - those having two wives or two husbands at the same time - in their service book under the new format, according to the DoPT. (PTI File Photo)

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All central government employees will have to give declaration regarding bigamy in their service book, as per the Centre's new proposal.

The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has decided to modernise the employees' service book to make it user friendly and has issued its new format.

The employees need to give a declaration regarding bigamy - those having two wives or two husbands at the same time - in their service book under the new format, according to the DoPT.

As per existing norms, no employee shall enter into a marriage with a person having a spouse living unless the central government permits him or her to do so.

The DoPT has sought comments on the new format of the service book.

The service book will have Aadhaar number and three photographs of an employee - one at the time of joining, another after completion of 18 years of service and third

photograph one year ahead of the date of retirement.

An employee's service book contains his or her bio-data, details of posting, qualifying service, house building advance, besides those regarding Central Government Health Scheme, Central Government Employees Group Insurance Scheme and Leave Travel Concession.

A senior DoPT official said the mentioning of Aadhaar number in the service book will help in ensuring timely delivery of all pension related benefit to employees.

There are about 50 lakh central government employees working across the country.




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## Fishing boat numbers to be linked with Aadhaar

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Karwar: To prevent the misuse of government facilities, the Fisheries Department has decided to link fishermen's smart card and boat registration number with Aadhaar number.

"To promote fishing, the government is offering diesel subsidy for machine boats, subsidy for engine installation for engine installation for conventional boats, compensation during fishing ban period, kerosene at subsidized price, and other facilities. Aadhaar linkage will help to check their misuse", says Fisheries Department Deputy Director M L Dodmani.

The Union Home Department has made colour coding for fishing boats and biometric card for fishermen mandatory, keeping the internal security of the country in view.

Different types of boats should have different colour coding. July 30 is the last date to apply colour coding, and those boats who fail to do so would not get diesel from August.

Card readers of security forces could not read fishermen's biometric cards if they are laminated or if fishermen carry the copy of the card. Therefore, fishermen should carry original biometric cards, Dodmani noted.

All boats of more than 20 meters of length should compulsorily have transponders, which would be helpful to identify those boats which would be in trouble in the sea.

Officials are collecting Aadhaar number and telephone number of fishermen.

process of linking their Aadhaar number with fishermen's smart card and boat number would begin soon, Dodmani said.



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# FreeCharge Wallet To Adopt Aadhar As Primary KYC Tool For Mass Adoption

By **Jatinder Paul** - October 5, 2015

FreeCharge, India's leading digital payments platform, has announced today that the company will adopt Aadhar as the primary KYC tool for opening and upgrading wallets. The company believes that being Aadhaar enabled, FreeCharge Wallet will be open for mass adoption and ubiquitous usage.



According to the company, consumers who enrol for a FreeCharge wallet with Aadhaar authentication can have their balance limit enhanced from Rs 10,000 to Rs 1 Lakh. Also, there will be no monetary limit on transactions making the wallet truly versatile.

Consumers can link their FreeCharge Wallet to their Aadhaar number in multiple ways like—doorstep service available on demand, consumers can also authenticate by walking into one of the 30,000 banking correspondent points of FreeCharge partner YES bank, or walk into any branch of YES Bank. In the future this service will also be available with FINO – the Payments bank licensee and a strategic partner of FreeCharge, as stated by the company in its press statement.

Speaking about this, Govind Rajan, Chief Operating Officer, FreeCharge and Chief Strategy Officer, Snapdeal said, "For consumers, convenience and speed of transaction are key considerations. We will leverage Aadhar ID authentication, for paperless, secure KYC, to be completed in a few minutes. We are innovating to bring new models of go to market – for instance doorstep authentication – where customers can request for an agent to come to their home for a doorstep biometric authentication. Within a week we hit the 1million mark and now leveraging Aadhar enabled KYC gives us access to the pool of over 900 million KYC ready consumers."

FreeCharge is claimed to have hit the million wallets mark within a week of launch in India. Freecharge also plans to leverage Snapdeal's extensive delivery reach to scale the doorstep KYC model. Elaborating, Govind said, "With lakhs of deliveries a day on Snapdeal, we have a huge and relevant customer connect opportunity for us to synergise with for doorste

KYC. We will soon launch the pilot in metros and then scale this nationwide.”


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## Get your APL card online by just feeding Aadhaar number

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Bengaluru: The Karnataka government will soon roll out an online system for issuing ration cards for Above Poverty Line (APL) families.

Disclosing this to the media, Food and Civil Supplies Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said citizens will be able to generate their own ration cards after filling an online form. Only Aadhaar number has to be disclosed and there is no need for any other documents under the new system, he added.

The department is still working on the new system, and it will in, all probability, be introduced in a month's time. Currently, the department is supplying five kg rice and wheat each at a subsidised rate to the APL card holders every month.

On a proposal to supply tur dal and urad dal at Rs 120 per kg to people, the minister said the Centre has not allocated sufficient quantity of these pulses to the state.

The state has been given 1,000 metric tonnes.

"An estimated 10,500 metric tonnes is required per month to supply one kg of tur dal and urad dal per ration card under the public distribution system (PDS). We will take up the offer if the Centre allocates at least 5,000 metric tonnes per month," he added.

Centre recently offered to supply unmilled tur and urad dal to the state at Rs 66 and Rs 82 per kg respectively and asked to ensure availability of the pulses to people at not more than Rs 120 per kg. The state made this offer with an aim to give some relief to people from rising prices of pulses.

The state has to bear the cost of processing (milling), packing and transportation and distribute to consumers at Rs 120 per kg.

Rao said he will soon meet Union Food and Civil Supplies Minister Ramvilas Paswan and urge him to increase the allocation to the state.



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# Government to launch platform to track how subsidies have been beneficial at family level

By [Neha Alawadhi](#) & [Aman Sharma](#), ET Bureau | Jun 08, 2016, 02:48 AM IST

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NEW DELHI: What Aadhaar is to an individual, Sarvam will be to a family. The [Narendra Modi](#) government is gearing up to launch a national platform to track how [subsidies](#) have been beneficial at the family level and give each one a Sarvam number.

The Cabinet Secretariat and the Department of Electronics & Information Technology have collaborated on the project, which two senior government officials described as a futuristic step forward in [Digital India](#) that could help the government determine if the gamut of subsidies have improved the life of a family as a unit.

"Sarvam is envisaged as a universal database, cross-linked with all government subsidy schemes, Aadhaar and bank accounts for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) on one platform for better tracking of benefits availed at a family level.



The plan is to roll out the Sarvam platform for the Union Territories on a test basis by September and expand it to eight states by November.

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**Existing records of the Socio-Economic Caste Census and the National Population Register will be used to create the Sarvam family database**

From an outcome perspective, the government would like to know that if a family avails five subsidies, whether it's sufficient or its income level has increased," a senior official said.

The official added that the platform will help increase savings under DBT, under which cash is transferred to the bank accounts of beneficiaries, and further plug leakages. The officials spoke to ET on condition of anonymity. The prime minister has been stressing on Rs 36,500-crore savings so far due to DBT.

**ROLLOUT PLAN** The plan is to roll out the Sarvam platform for the Union Territories on a test basis by September and expand it to eight states by November.

"States such as Rajasthan, [Madhya Pradesh](#), Karnataka, [Andhra Pradesh](#) and [Tamil Nadu](#) have attempted to create such a family database. What they lack is...a more universal model where, if a person moves from Rajasthan to Delhi, it can operate and different systems speak to each other," an official added.

The existing records of the Socio-Economic Caste Census and the National Population Register will be used to create the Sarvam family database. "Sarvam is being envisaged to be

implemented as a social security platform, which will significantly enhance the quality of service delivery for beneficiary schemes and also reduce the leakages," said Neel Ratan, government and public sector leader at consultancy PwC India, which is helping the government on the Sarvam project.

A senior official said that while Aadhaar is an individual number with no connection to family or region, government subsidy schemes are provided area-wise or, as in the case of rations, to families. The government's ultimate aim is to be able to make decisions for "more targeted subsidy" delivery, the official said.

Using Sarvam, the government can decide whether more money should be given to a family instead of providing piecemeal subsidies across schemes or whether the needs of a household can be met by increasing or decreasing the number of schemes they get.

"In a village, for example, a few people end up availing of the benefits of government schemes, while others get left out. Sarvam will provide that linkage to plug such practices and also help identify people using false identities and hence help more DBT savings," the official said.

The Sarvam platform is being touted as the fulfilment of the main objective of Aadhaar — to universalise identity proof and to use it to plug leakages in the delivery of welfare services.



"For DBT to happen, the government ultimately has to go digital. For that to happen, we need to have a beneficiary database that is auto-updated," said an official.

Another senior official described Sarvam as a mechanism to link, update and screen databases that are linked to Aadhaar. "It will not replace any of the existing databases.

Aadhaar seeding (linking Aadhaar to benefit cards or personal identification documents) is going to be done in meeting databases. A common database for seeding Aadhaar with NPR has already been done," said this official.

**SECURITY ASPECTS** The government is also thinking about the security aspects of the platform and will put up firewalls to protect the database, details of which will be revealed only on a need-to-know basis, the official said. The inspiration for Sarvam may have come from Madhya Pradesh, which has a portal called Samagra that enables monitoring of subsidy schemes given to each individual and family in the state through a Samagra number. However, the system works only within the state.

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# HRD ministry plans scheme to track students' performance

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NEW DELHI: The Union [HRD ministry](#) is planning to launch a unique scheme to track the academic performance of [school children](#) across the country and also identify the dropouts.

The scheme has been named 'Shaala ASMITA', an acronym for All School Monitoring Individual Tracking and Analysis.

Under this online system, data related to all schools will be collected with the assistance of local and state administration and their performance will be monitored, official sources said.

It is a simple process under which the Aadhaar number or a specially generated number will be used to track a child's progress, officials said.

"The HRD ministry is getting support of the states for this unique initiative and it is expected that the scheme will be launched by mid-June," an official said.

It is expected that this new scheme will also help in providing accurate data about schools and better monitoring of different programmes including the Mid-Day meal scheme, they said.

Last month, through a series of tweets, Union HRD Minister Smriti Irani had announced that the ministry is bringing a system to monitor the progress of millions of children across the country and also identify the dropouts.

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## HAVE AADHAAR CARD? GET PASSPORT IN JUST 10 DAYS!

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New Delhi: If a person holds an Aadhar Card then he/she can get passport in just 10 days. Passport Official, Vivek Jain said that applicant can now get passport in just 10 days for which applicant need to attach Aadhar card while applying. Applicant should also submit self-declaration in which it should be stated that he/she has no criminal cases against him/her.



Jain also added that after getting the passport, applicant should cooperate in address, police verification and other pending process.

🔔<sup>8</sup> :ants, who are applying online need to attach soft copy of the Aadhar Card. However, if later it is found that the applicant had provided false information then the passport will be seized.

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# Link SC/ST certificates with Aadhaar, says Centre

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NEW DELHI: The Centre has asked states to make sincere efforts to issue SC/ST or domicile certificates linked with Aadhaar numbers to students in Class 5 or 8, in order to ensure authenticity of data is verified and there are no frauds at the stage of seeking admissions on basis of quota in higher educational institutions or joining government [jobs](#).

"The State Government may try to get the information of students fed into the Meta Data to be made online and may link it to Aadhaar enabled data, if feasible. Sincere efforts be made to issue these certificates along with [Aadhaar Number](#)," the Centre has said in a set of Frequent asked questions (FAQs) on the issue of residence/domicile and caste/tribe certificates. The Centre had earlier proposed that in order to avoid difficulties faced by the SC/ST students, 'Caste or Tribe Certificate' and the Domicile certificate may be issued to SC/ST students while studying in Class V or Class VIII as an annual exercise. The State Government can choose either Class V or Class VIII to issue this certificate, the Centre says. The certificate should be handed over to the student and also uploaded on E-locker facilities, wherever such facilities are available in the States, the Centre says.



The Centre has asked states to make sincere efforts to issue SC/ST or domicile certificates linked with Aadhaar numbers to students in Class 5 or 8.

A window of two months in September/October or any other time frame decided by the concerned State Government may be allocated for completing this exercise. "The main objective of issuance of caste/tribe certificate is to facilitate access of bonafide candidates belonging to the SC/ST to the reserved posts and services under the State/Central Government and secure admission in educational institutions and other facilities being provided by the State/Central Government to them," the Centre says. The School Head Master or Principal will get the documents collected from SC and ST students and other students and arrange to submit them to the relevant State Government authority or revenue authorities for making the requisite certificate. The authorities would scrutinize and verify the documents and issue the relevant certificates within a period of 30-60 days.

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## Lucknow: Aadhaar, voter ID must for ultrasound

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The move, the officials insist, would go a long way in keeping a check on illegal sex determination tests. (Shutterstock/Photo for representation)

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In its bid to check the misuse of ultrasound machines, the district administration on Thursday made it mandatory for patients to produce Aadhaar or voter ID cards at ultrasound centres before undergoing sex determination tests.

The move, the officials insist, would go a long way in keeping a check on illegal sex determination tests. “It would be compulsory for patients to produce photo ID cards such as Aadhaar or voter card. It could later be used for investigating purpose,” said Raj Shekhar, district magistrate.

The move was necessitated after the DM found anomalies at an ultrasound unit in a community health centre (CHC) during a routine inspection.

The team of administrative and medical officers headed by district magistrate found that the records at the CHC’s ultrasound were not maintained and poorly kept.

“We also found that the majority of mandatory form ‘F’ that contains details of patient and also the diagnosis were incomplete. There were hardly any details of patients mentioned,” said the DM.



While the additional district magistrate (ADM) has sought explanation from the in-charge doctor of the ultrasound centre, the DM said a team would carry out surprise raids at all ultrasound centres to ensure the implementation of the new system. “Strict action would be initiated against those found not complying with the orders,” he added.

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## Maharashtra FDA to issue AADHAR linked e-signed licenses for medicines for first time in India

**Shardul Nautiyal, Mumbai, Thursday, January 28, 2016, 08:00 Hrs [IST]**

In line with the Maharashtra government's e-governance policy and government of India's Digital India Programme, Maharashtra Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will now start issuing all the sale licenses for medicines through an online application software with e-signature which has organic authentication on AADHAR from UIDAI server. Such licenses will also have unique TPAV number which can be verified at URL: [xinindia.gov.in](http://xinindia.gov.in).

This will make the whole process of getting licenses for sale of medicines in a paperless manner, right from submitting an application to grant of license in a time bound, transparent and user friendly manner.

"FDA Maharashtra is the first office in India to provide the online services with certificates being e-signed along with AADHAR authentication," informed Maharashtra FDA Commissioner Dr Harshadeep Kamble.

The applicant can now make application online, upload documents digitally, pay fees through payment gateway of Maharashtra state government and [gras.mahakosh.gov.in](http://gras.mahakosh.gov.in). This application software is linked to virtual treasury office of government of Maharashtra since June 2015 and the fees paid are verified online.

The applications will be processed online and the applicant can see the status of the application online. After grant of license, applicant can receive the information by SMS as well as a copy of the same can be downloaded by the applicant itself. Thus applicants need not visit the office of FDA at all. The whole process is now paperless.

The software and the technology applied is seamless and transparent to reduce the discretionary powers which used to rest with the licensing authority. As per the online process, locks are applied at various stages such as licensing authority has to first clear the allotment of new application, request for user id and password before processing other applications. The applications which are to be disposed within specified period are automatically highlighted in red zone. The drug inspector after inspection of site has to submit his report online. Based on his recommendation, assistant commissioner/licensing authority issues the license online.

"The efforts of Maharashtra FDA are in line with the directions of chief minister Devendra Phadnis about speedy services in a transparent manner to the stakeholders. The initiative has been successful due to the guidance and support of state FDA minister Girish Bapat and additional chief secretary, medical education and drugs department Medha Gadgil," added Dr Kamble.

Dr Kamble further appreciated the efforts of Harish Advani, senior technical director, National Informatics Centre (NIC), OS Sadhwani, joint commissioner (HQ), GH Vakhariya, VK Biyani and NM Gandhi, Harsha Ahale, assistant commissioners, Food and Drug Administration, Maharashtra state for successful implementation of this project.

Similar efforts are in progress for food business operators for the registration and licensing, which is online at present, but will be paperless with e-signatures in the near future.

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# Make in India: Datamini launches Aadhar enabled Janunnati Pad, plans to manufacture 1.5 lakh tablets in an year

Datamini, a Mumbai-based, OEM, has launched an Aadhaar authentication enabled, Janunnati Pad, targeting at government's various flagship welfare programmes.

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Amitabh Kant, CEO, Niti Aayog (Centre) Along With Pitamber Ahuja, Managing Director, Datamini Technologies (Left) And Debjani Ghosh, Vice President, Sales And Marketing Group & Managing Director, South Asia – Intel, And President, MAIT During The Launch Of Janunnati Pad In Delhi On Thursday. (Photo: Mohd Ujaley)

Targeting at the government's various flagship welfare programmes, Datamini, a Mumbai-based, OEM, has launched TPOS7 – Janunnati Pad, an enterprise class, touch-enabled mobile device.

Branded as 'Janunnati Pad', the device comes with an integrated STQC-certified fingerprint scanner which can be used for Aadhaar authentication for multipurpose.

Company official told FE that tablet can be used to help in the implementation of key e-governance initiatives like DBT (Direct Benefits Transfer) via Aadhaar-linked savings bank accounts of beneficiaries, through its in-built fingerprint scanner, payments card reader and barcode scanner.

The tablet can also be deployed in other government schemes, like in the 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana' (PMJDY), to extend banking services to the rural and



families via the e-PDS (Public Distribution System) and monitor public health services under the National Health Mission (NHM).

Similarly, insurance companies, banks and other private organisations can also used it for various purpose including e-KYC.

Priced between Rs 12000 to Rs 20000, Janunnati Pad comes in two variants – 3G embedded and 4G on demand. The rugged device has 7-inch touchscreen display with a resolution of 1024 pixels by 600 pixels. It is powered by Intel Atom x-5Z8300 processor and it comes with 2GB of RAM.

The tablet packs 32 GB of internal storage that can be expanded up to 64GB via a microSD card. As far as the cameras are concerned, the Janunnati Pad packs a 5-megapixel primary camera on the rear and a 2-megapixel front shooter.

The Janunnati Pad runs on Window 10 Home or Professional and is powered by a 5000mAh removable battery. It accepts one micro SIM. Connectivity options include Wi-Fi, GPS, Bluetooth, 3G, 4G. The pad weight around 550 grams and has unique features such as fingerprint scanner, bar code reader, SAM slot, smart card reader, debit and credit card reader.

According to Datamini, it is planning to manufacture 1 to 1.5 Lakh units of Janunnati Pad in an year from its manufacturing facility located in Bhiwandi, Maharashtra. The tablet will be delivered on pan-India level and after sales services will also be available across the country.

Since most of the e-governance or welfare programme implementation happens at state level, so company is planning to reach-out to state governments along with central agencies. "Our priority would be to get the product available to the government agencies across the country and as per their policies, we will channelised the product," Pitamber Ahuja, managing director, Datamini Technologies told FE.

The company launched the Janunnati Pad in partnership with Intel and Industry



While unveiling the device, Amitabh Kant, CEO, Niti Aayog said that the Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** focus is on the proper implementation of DBT and key to the success of such programme is an affordable machine that have all required features in-built which can considerably reduced the cost per transaction. He says, “The cost per transaction for KYC is between Rs 1500-1700 and machine like Janunnait can reduce that cost to Rs 10. India need such kind of machine that has potential to solve India’s problem.”

Datamini is also mulling to go global with this product, specially company sees huge potential in African markets, where mobile wallets such as m-Pesa are doing good. “We are confident of the value proposition of this product and aim to extend its benefits to other countries as well in the near future”, said Ahuja.

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# Mention Aadhaar for filing governance-related grievances: Govt

To reduce the number of vexatious and malicious complaints the government has decided to encourage the complainants to mention their Aadhaar card numbers while filing grievances on governance-related matters through an online platform.

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Aadhaar Is A 12-digit Unique Identification Number Which Acts As A Proof Of Identity And Address Anywhere In The Country.(Reuters)



while filing grievances on governance-related matters through an online platform.

The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), which is the nodal agency for formulating policy guidelines for citizen-centric governance, manages a Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System.

People can visit public grievance website [www.pgportal.nic.in](http://www.pgportal.nic.in) to file their complaints. The grievance can be filed against any government organisation in the country through this portal.

“There have been some vexatious complaints and those with no concrete information. People should be encouraged to mention their Aadhaar number so that false complaints can be separated from the genuine ones and there is no harassment of a government officials in the process,” a senior DARPG official said.

He said the filing of Aadhaar has not been made mandatory and is an optional field in an application form available online for lodging grievances.

Aadhaar is a 12-digit unique identification number which acts as a proof of identity and address anywhere in the country.

Grievances are now also being monitored by Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) himself through the online Proactive Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI) wherein grievances identified for systemic changes are discussed through video conferencing with the concerned Secretaries.

A mobile application was also launched in October last year which can be downloaded on a smart phone for lodging grievances.

Lakhs of public grievances are filed online every year. About three lakhs grievances were filed in 2014, 2.35 lakh in 2013 and 2.01 lakh in 2012, according to government data.



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## Modi cracks whip, tells ministries to link DBT to Aadhaar by Dec 31

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi giving speech at Davangere on a Sunday | (File Photo/D. Hemanth)

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has drawn strict timelines for the implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for Central ministries and departments which run welfare schemes. The Cabinet secretariat sent a letter to all ministries directing them to create internal DBT cells by June 30, 2016, and to link all DBT disbursement with Aadhaar by December 31.

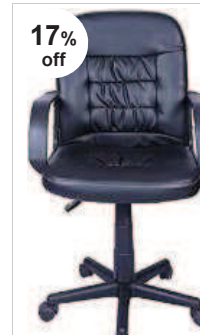
"Prime Minister has reviewed the progress of DBT and Aadhaar on May 9, 2016, wherein stiff lines for implementation of DBT were laid down. These include — DBT Cell in all Ministries and States by June 30, 2016, all DBT disbursement to be Aadhaar linked by December 31 and all subsidies and welfare schemes to be brought under DBT by March 31, 2017," SK Srivastava, Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat wrote.

He said that to meet the timelines, each Ministry or department would have to constitute Internal DBT Cells. These Cells may be headed by an officer of joint secretary-rank or above and comprise of IT experts, coordinating with respective programme divisions for the DBT transition.

The government has also decided to institute a live portal under each scheme to capture real-time information about beneficiaries and underlying transactions at the Central Ministry-level.

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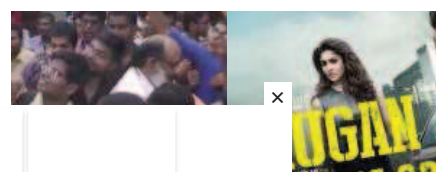
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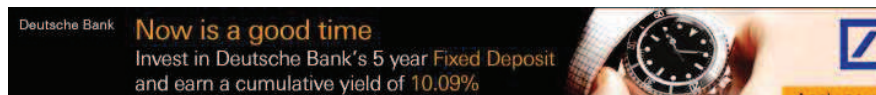
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"Now the scope of the DBT has also been expanded to include in-kind transfers as well as transfers made to various enablers of government schemes," the letter said. Earlier, the government claimed over 1.6 crore bogus ration cards had been deleted due to DBT, yielding savings of Rs 10,000 crore.

It said in 2015-16, over Rs 61,000 crore was distributed to over 30 crore beneficiaries, using DBT. This includes over Rs 25,000 crore in MGNREGS and over Rs 21,000 Crore in PAHAL (for LPG).



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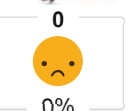
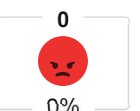
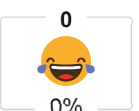
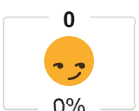
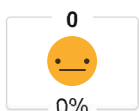
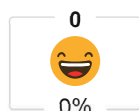
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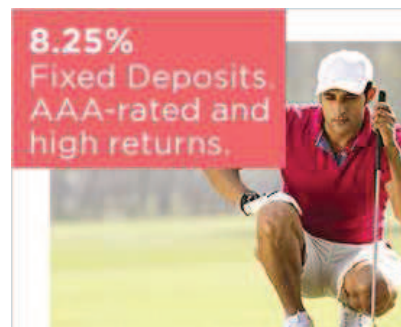


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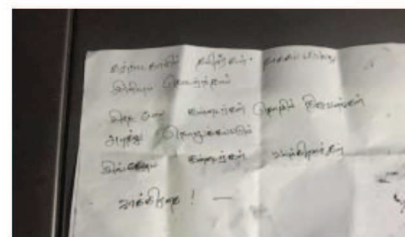
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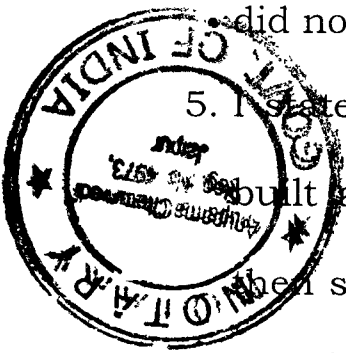




## **AFFIDAVIT OF AMRI DEVI DAMOR**

I, AmrideviDamor, wife of Ramji, resident of Navagarh, Mandva panchayat, ZillaDungarpur, Ward 7, Rajasthan - 314001 aged about 38 years do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. I state that I am a labourer.
2. I state that I am a BPL ration card holder and entitled to rations under the PDS system.
3. I am aware that there are a number of petitions before the Hon'ble Court challenging the constitutional vires of the Aadhaar / UID scheme and that I fully understand that this affidavit may be placed before the Court in support of the said challenge.
4. I state that I was made to enroll for Aadhaar as I was told that benefits such as NREGA and rations would be denied if one did not possess Aadhaar card.
5. I state that I was initially refused rations because I had not built a toilet. Subsequently I got a toilet built at home and then started receiving rations. Even for that toilet, the money promised has not reached us.
6. I state that the ration shop I go to has new POS machines installed and only people who are able to successfully authenticate themselves are given rations. Last month, I tried authenticating myself with all my right hand fingers and none of them matched, however, my left hand thumb matched and was able to pick up my ration. However, I am apprehensive about the machine not authenticating me next month.



7. I state that the whole process of POS machines have made the exercise of picking up rations extremely time consuming and inconvenient.

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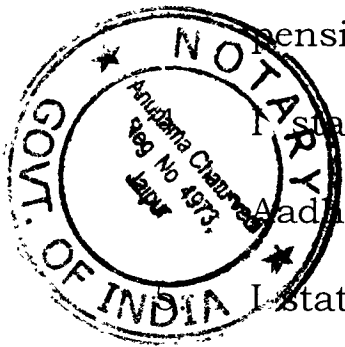
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### **AFFIDAVIT OF MRS. DEVLII BAI**

I, Devli Bai, wife of Devaji, resident of Ward 8, Pai Panchayat, Udaipur Zilla, Rajasthan, aged about 55 years do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. I state that I am a social worker working for Adivasi Mahila Jagriti Sangathan.
2. I am aware that there are a number of petitions before the Hon'ble Court challenging the constitutional vires of the Aadhaar / UID scheme and that I fully understand that this affidavit may be placed before the Court in support of the said challenge.
3. I state that I am a resident of Udaipur Zilla, Rajasthan and all my statements here are based on my experience of having had to use the Aadhaar authentication system for the purposes of getting rations under the PDS system and receiving my pension.
4. I state that I have enrolled for Aadhaar and possess an Aadhaar card.
5. I state that many people have been coerced into enrolling for Aadhaar because they were told that their rations, pensions or NREGA work will no longer be given to them if they did not enroll for and receive Aadhaar card.
6. I state that I also possess other identity cards including Bhamashah card, voter id card and ration card, all of which I obtained independently.



7. I state that in the ration shop about half a kilometer from my residence, where I normally collect my rations, I was denied rations because my fingerprint authentication at the Aadhaar POS machine did not work even after multiple attempts with multiple fingers. The shopkeeper insisted that he cannot give me my ration until the POS machine authenticated my fingerprint and emitted a sound confirming successful authentication. I was made to also wash my hands and wipe them multiple times to try and authenticate, but the POS machine did not ever successfully authenticate me.
8. I state that I have not received rations for the past three months.
9. I state that my husband is ill and in this circumstance not having been able to receive rations has hit me and my family hard.
10. I state that the queues before the ration shops are very long these days after the introduction of the Aadhaar POS machines. I also state that only one out of five people are able to successfully authenticate themselves using their fingerprints and many of them have stopped taking their rations.
11. I state that I have also complained to the zilla collector about the problem but no action has happened.

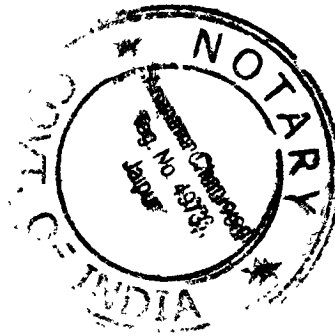


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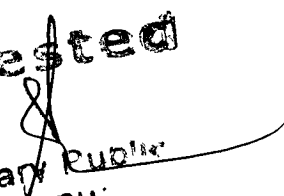
  
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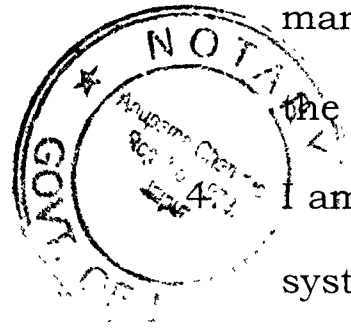
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## **AFFIDAVIT OF RAMU BAI**

I, Ramu Bai, resident of RodiLalliKaya Kayo, Panchayat Kayo, Zilla Udaipur, Rajasthan aged about 43years do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. I state that I am a social worker and work for Adivasi MahilaJagritiSangathan.
2. I am aware that there are a number of petitions before the Hon'ble Court challenging the constitutional vires of the Aadhaar / UID scheme and that I fully understand that this affidavit may be placed before the Court in support of the said challenge.
3. I state that I was made to enroll for Aadhaaras I was that many benefits like rations would be denied until everyone in the family possessed Aadhaar card.  
I am a BPL- card holder and entitled to rations under the PDS system.
5. I state that some months ago, Aadhaar based POS machines were installed in the ration shop that I used to get my rations from.
6. I have since never been able to successfully authenticate myself using my fingerprints. The fingerprint match was unsuccessful even when I tried with all 10 fingers.



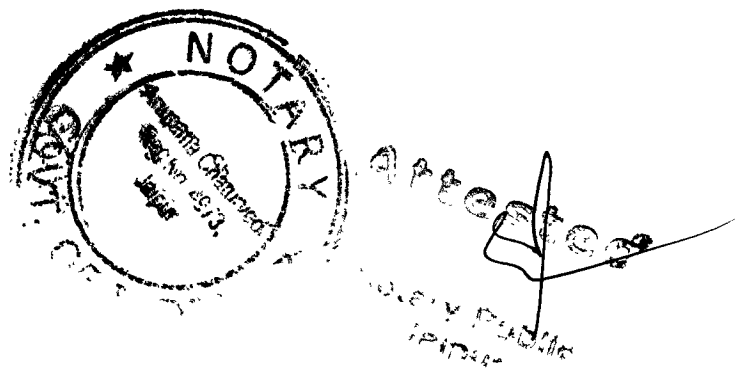
7. I state that I also possess other identity cards including Bhamashah card, voter id card and ration card, all of which I obtained independently.

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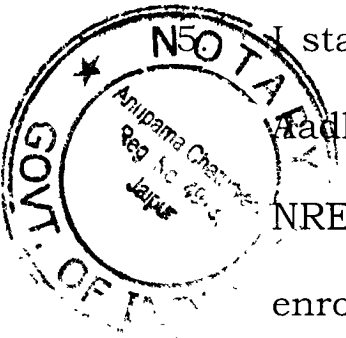


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## **AFFIDAVIT OF SANJAY KUMAR**

I, Sanjay Kumar, son of Punnaram, resident of Mukaam Rotia Fali (Bharla village), Post bandhar, Via Nana, Tehsil Bali, Zilla Pali, Rajasthan - 306504, aged about 22 years do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. I state that I possess an Aadhaar card and as does my father.
2. I am aware that there are a number of petitions before the Hon'ble Court challenging the constitutional vires of the Aadhaar / UID scheme and that I fully understand that this affidavit may be placed before the Court in support of the said challenge.
3. I state that I was made to enroll for Aadhaar as I was told that many benefits like rations would be denied until everyone in the family possessed Aadhaar card.
4. I state the nearest ration shop is about 15 kms from our place.
5. I state that many people have been coerced into enrolling for Aadhaar because they were told that their rations, pensions or NREGA work will no longer be given to them if they did not enroll for and receive Aadhaar card.
6. I state that I also possess other identity cards including Bhamashah card, voter id card and ration card, all of which I obtained independently.
7. I state that rations are received by my family only in alternate months due to the ration shopkeeper denying supply.



8. I state that although my own fingerprints work so far while authenticating in POS machines, I know a number of people for whom it doesn't work and are therefore denied rations.
9. I statethat I am apprehending that my biometrics may also not work in any given month due to erratic nature of the POS machines and the Aadhaar authentication system and I am apprehensive that I may be denied rations on that pretext even with the reduced frequency of ration disbursement as mentioned earlier.

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### **AFFIDAVIT OF MANGI**

I, Mangi, wife of Harijit, resident of Khandaal village, panchayat dinduvada, zilla Ajmer, aged over sixty years do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. I state that I possess an APL ration card and I also receive old age pension.
2. I am aware that there are a number of petitions before the Hon'ble Court challenging the constitutional vires of the Aadhaar / UID scheme and that I fully understand that this affidavit may be placed before the Court in support of the said challenge.
3. About four months ago, Aadhaar based POS machines were installed in my village ration shop. Since then only people who were able to authenticate themselves using their fingerprints are being given rations. I state that I have not received my rations for the past four months because everytime I visited, I was never able to successfully authenticate myself despite trying multiple times with all ten fingers.



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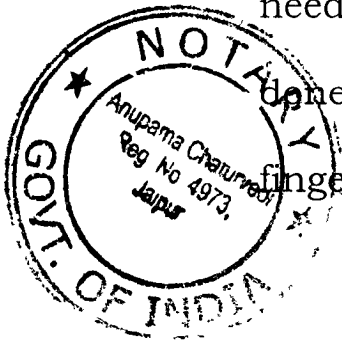
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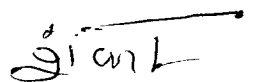
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## **AFFIDAVIT OF SHANKAR**

I, Shankar, son of Khema, resident of Talia gaon, Doja Tehsil, Dungarpur district, Rajasthan - 314037 aged about 53 years do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. I state that I possess an Aadhaar card with number 945911002761.
2. I am aware that there are a number of petitions before the Hon'ble Court challenging the constitutional vires of the Aadhaar / UID scheme and that I fully understand that this affidavit may be placed before the Court in support of the said challenge.
3. I state that I have not received my NREGA payments because of the problem of my fingerprints not getting authenticated by the POS machine that is kept at the ICICI bank from which I need to draw my payment. This payment is for work already done. I tried with all the fingers multiple times and the fingerprint match never works.

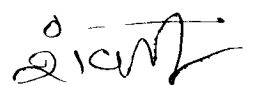





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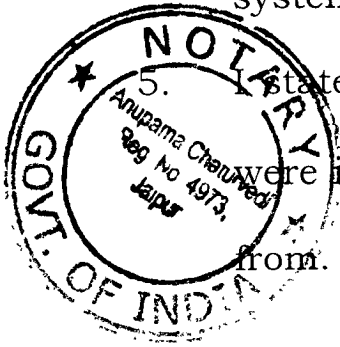
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## **AFFIDAVIT OF KANNI BAI**

I, Kanni Bai, son of Punnaram, resident of Panchayat Malanu, Tehsil Bali, Zilla Pali, Rajasthan - 306504, aged about 60 years do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. I state that I have enrolled for and possess an Aadhaar card.
2. I am aware that there are a number of petitions before the Hon'ble Court challenging the constitutional vires of the Aadhaar / UID scheme and that I fully understand that this affidavit may be placed before the Court in support of the said challenge.
3. I state that I was made to enroll for Aadhaar as I was told by my panchayat that many benefits like rations would be denied until everyone in the family possessed Aadhaar card.
4. I am a BPL- card holder and entitled to rations under the PDS system.



5. I state that some months ago, Aadhaar based POS machines were installed in the ration shop that I used to get my rations from.
6. In the last three months, only once have I been able to successfully authenticate myself using my fingerprints. On the other two occasions, the fingerprint match was unsuccessful even when I tried with all 10 fingers.

7. I state that I also possess other identity cards including Bhamashah card, voter id card and ration card, all of which I obtained independently.

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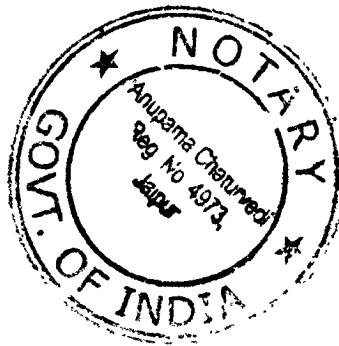
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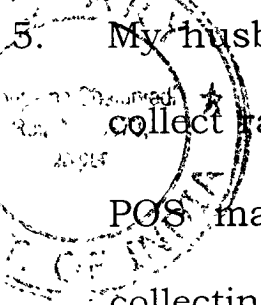
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## **AFFIDAVIT OF LAKSHMI**

I, Lakshmi, daughter of Mangu Singh, resident of Block Bhim, Village Samelia, District Rajasamand, Rajasthan- 305921 aged about 37 years do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. I am aware that there are a number of petitions before the Hon'ble Court challenging the constitutional vires of the Aadhaar / UID scheme and that I fully understand that this affidavit may be placed before the Court in support of the said challenge.
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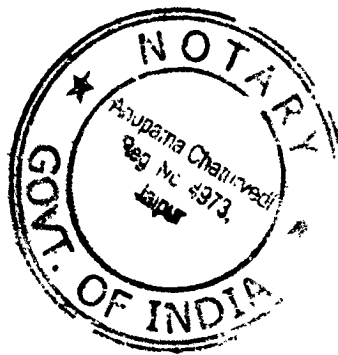
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5. My husband has Aadhaar, but when he visited the shop to collect rations, his fingerprints were not authenticated by the POS machine and therefore had to return home without collecting rations.

6. I also state that queues in the ration shop which anyway used to be long have become much longer because of the POS machines taking time to authenticate and people requiring multiple attempts before they authenticated themselves. I also



know of a number of people who have not been able to authenticate themselves and have therefore not picked up rations for the past two or three months.

7. I state that I also possess other identity cards including Bhamashah card, voter id card and ration card, all of which I obtained independently.




लक्ष्मी चौराण  
**DEPONENT**

**VERIFICATION :**

Verified at Jaipur on this the ninth day of June 2016 that the contents of the above affidavit have been explained to me and are true and correct to my knowledge and belief. Nothing false is stated therein or material concealed there from.

लक्ष्मी चौराण  
**DEPONENT**

**Attested**  
  
Notary Public  
Jaipur

 2016



## Case Study: Hurhuri

On 26 August 2016, we made a surprise visit a PDS shop in Ratu Block, just outside Ranchi. This block has a much better record of PoS transactions than the district average. We visited the PDS shop closest to the block headquarters, among those that were open that day. In other words, this was a best-case environment for the new system.

Yet, within minutes we were surrounded by a small crowd of women and men who complained bitterly that they were unable to collect their PDS rations, for a range of reasons:

- No UID: Some households (not many in Hurhuri), known as UID-less, have no UID, or are yet to get one of their UIDs “seeded”, i.e. entered in the system and linked with their ration card.
- Faulty seeding: Some households had one or more UIDs seeded, yet the system does not work for them because of data entry errors.
- Biometric failure: Sometimes the system does not work, despite correct UID seeding, because of fingerprint recognition problems.<sup>1</sup>
- “Zero quantity”: Even after successful biometric authentication, the PoS machine often returns a “zero quantity” message. The reason for this was not clear.
- Miscellaneous error messages: Sometimes the machine returns error messages that neither the dealer nor the cardholder are able to understand.

In addition to this, the system sometimes fails due to connectivity problems, remote server failures, machine defects or other glitches.

Some of the testimonies were heart-rending. Consider Charo Oraon, an old man who lives alone and finds it hard to make ends meet. Charo had been trying his luck repeatedly that month from 16 August (*chawal divas*, when distribution officially starts). His fingerprints just don’t work. He has received no PDS grain since the new system was introduced – none in June, July or August. Before June, he used to get it through the old register system. Until August, he had no UID; now he has a UID but biometric authentication is not working for him.

Even those for whom the system works face huge inconvenience. Often they have to make repeated trips to the PDS shop, or send different members in turn, until the machine cooperates. Sometimes they have to ask school children to skip classes to try their luck at the PDS shop. This unreliable system causes a colossal waste of time for everyone.

Incidentally, the time-waste factor applies to PDS dealers as well. In this PDS shop, the dealer used to be able to distribute the monthly quota within 4 days. Now, he said, he has to distribute almost continuously, because it is difficult to manage more than 15-25 transactions per day. This is not an exaggeration: the PDS website - as of 26 August - confirms that this dealer distributed grain every day from the 16<sup>th</sup> (*chawal divas*), with an average of 17 transactions per day. This waste of time gives dealers a ready excuse to siphon off some grain, just to recover their costs.

By the end of the month, only 282 successful transactions had occurred in this PDS shop according to the website, against 500 ration cards. Contacted on the phone, the dealer claimed that he actually managed 419 transactions. The reasons for this discrepancy are unclear.

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<sup>1</sup> The “one-time password” (OTP) system is supposed to provide a safeguard against this. In this PDS shop, however, the OTP system was not working at the time of our visit. Even when a cardholder was able to catch the OTP because his or her mobile number had been correctly seeded into the system, the PoS system refused to respond to the OTP.

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**To**

**All Indane Distributors**

**Bangalore Area Office**

**Sub: 100% Aadhar seeding of BTC customers**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is subsequent to the various circulars on 100% aadhar seeding of BTC customers.

A VC was conducted by JS (M), MOP&NG with the field officers of OMCs on 29.01.2016 for reviewing the progress of Aadhar seeding for the districts where the gap between Adult aadhaar generation and Aadhaar seeded in LPG database is very high.

The following points were communicated & accordingly further action plan has been drawn, which is given below:

- 1) PMO is following up with MO&NG for doing aadhaar seeding in LPG on weekly basis. It has been clearly stated for Mop&NG that target of

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90% aadhaar seeding in LPG database before 29.02.2016 is non negotiable and is to be achieved by all means.

2) Below points to be clearly communicated to BTC customers, who are not having Aadhaar number seeded in their database.

- **Supreme court has allowed the usage of aadhaar card for LPG subsidy transfer.**
- **With a view to better the subsidy transfer mechanism to targeted customers, MOP&NG has made collection of aadhaar mandatory for receipt of LPG subsidy.**
- **Subsidy transfer to your bank a/c can be delayed through BTC mode.**

It should be also ensured that all BTC customers are to be contacted through door to door survey/ over telephone for taking the Aadhaar details. No refill should be delivered to any customer without obtaining declaration. The data on collection of declaration of those BTC customers who are not having aadhaar has to be generated and reported to concerned FOs on daily basis.

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The contents of the above mail at Sr. No. 2 may be displayed on your Showroom Notice Board for the information of customers.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

F/ Indian Oil Corporation Limited

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SOCIAL SECURITY NET

# In Rajasthan, there is ‘unrest at the ration shop’ because of error-ridden Aadhaar

Anumeha Yadav

Apr 02, 2016 · 10:30 am

Thousands have been losing their food entitlements after the unique identification project was made mandatory. Some of them have begun expressing their anger.



Image credit: Anumeha Yadav

On March 16, the Modi government rammed the Aadhaar Bill through the Parliament, arguing repeatedly that the law will greatly improve transfer of public subsidies in India. The same day, some 400 kilometres from Delhi, in a locality in Ajmer called Shankar Nagar, angry ration beneficiaries smashed an Aadhaar biometrics-reading machine to pieces at their local ration shop.

Four months before, in December, the Rajasthan government had installed point of sale machines at all ration shops as part of India's biometrics-based unique identification project called Aadhaar. The machine requires a ration beneficiary to place a finger on it and, using real-time internet connectivity, it authenticates the individual's biometric information against the data stored on Aadhaar servers.

But in Shankar Nagar, the machine refused to identify a group of construction workers.

“Bheem Singh and three other construction workers had been trying to get their fingerprints authenticated for two hours,” said Anil Pawar, an M.Com student who runs the fair price shop owned by his mother Lata Pawar. “It was their third trip to the ration shop in the month to get their ration.”

Eventually the workers lost their temper. “They started getting angry and abusing us, and suddenly, one of them threw the machine to the ground and broke it,” recounted Anil Pawar. He guessed that the machine malfunctioned because of network problems. Also, it often cannot authenticate those who work with stone, cement, limestone and those over the age of 60, he said.

“The long wait and repeated trips means the loss of their daily wages for the labourers, and one understands their aakrosh (fury),” Anil Pawar said, “but we too feel helpless.”

Ajmer district's Food and Civil Supplies Department officials were not as sympathetic as Pawar. They lodged a first information report with the police against the construction workers.

The officials are also dismissive of similar episodes of ration beneficiaries breaking Aadhaar machines at ration shops in Beawar and Kekri in Ajmer in the following weeks. “These people are too used to getting their rations in one go,” said a district official. “Therefore, they have no patience when they have to make three-four trips to the ration shop, when their biometrics are not authenticated at once.”

He described the episodes collectively as “unrest at the ration shop”.

### **Aadhaar enrolment: voluntary or coerced?**

Rajasthan is only the second state after Andhra Pradesh to distribute ration in all districts through Aadhaar biometric authentication. Those favouring the system argue that biometric authentication can establish the identity of an individual with certainty. It eliminates any scope for personal discretion and cheating, they say, and thereby delivers benefits directly to the deserving poor.

While explaining the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits) Bill in Parliament on March 11, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had cited the high enrolment numbers in the project as Aadhaar’s achievements. Over 99 crore persons had already enrolled in



Aadhaar, he said, adding that Aadhaar will help the government target eligible beneficiaries of public schemes.

The claims of efficiency and foolproof system don't reflect on the ground.

In villages in the Jawaja block of Ajmer – which were included in the first phase of the roll-out in Rajasthan last December – many beneficiaries say they were coerced into enrolling in Aadhaar. Local officials warned them to register their biometric and demographic information, or else they will be removed from welfare programmes.

In Neemdi Kheda village, 70 kilometres from Ajmer city, Madan Singh says he rushed back home from Beawar, where he works as an electrician, because local officials told villagers that they could no longer get their subsidised wheat and kerosene entitlements unless each one is enrolled in Aadhaar.

“Press kiya unhone (they pressured us),” said Madan Singh, in his mid-20s. He says he enrolled even his two-year-old in Aadhaar's database after officials warned that infants will not be vaccinated, and children not given school admission without an Aadhaar number.

Madan Singh, an electrician who works in Beawar in Rajasthan says he was coerced to enroll in Aadhaar. Because of repeated errors, he enrolled thrice.

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After all that strong-arming, it is ironic that the biometrics-reading machine at the ration shop doesn't recognise his fingerprints. "Ek baar bhi iss ne haan nahi boli (She has not said yes to me even once)," he quipped about the machine rejecting his fingerprints every time.

In the four-member household, only Madan Singh's wife Sunita Devi's Aadhaar number is accepted by the biometric machine. This means that

now only she can buy grains on the family ration card, not Madan Singh and his wife in turns, as was the case earlier.

Angry villagers in Puwadia complain of having paid hundreds of rupees for enrolment, which on paper is free of cost. Geeta Devi, an elderly woman, says she made three trips to the Jawaja block headquarters 15 kilometres away to enrol in Aadhaar, and spent Rs 500 after her husband Gokul Singh's name was misspelled as Gopal Singh on her Aadhaar card the first two times.

Several others allege that E-Mitra, the local e-governance services provider appointed by the government, illegally extracted hundreds of rupees for seeding their Aadhaar details, when they were supposed to charge Rs 3-15.

Still, these were the lesser hardships: as it turns out, the new system has excluded several beneficiaries in Jawaja from their legal entitlements.



Geeta Devi (right) says she had to try to enrol in Aadhaar thrice, after her husband's name was misspelled two times. Dapu Devi (left) says she has not been able to access her pensions since it was shifted from the post-office to a bank four months back after she enrolled in Aadhaar.

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## 'Locked out' of the system

Rajasthan provides 5 kilos of wheat per person at Rs 2 per kilo price to below poverty line families, and 35 kilos of wheat at the same price to the Antyodaya households, which are the poorest of the poor households. Antyodaya households include vulnerable tribal households, elderly couples living in distress, families headed by disabled persons, and widows who cannot afford to buy grains in the market.

Last August, the Supreme Court had passed an order permitting only voluntary use of Aadhaar in the public distribution system. But in January, after the use of Aadhaar was made compulsory in Rajasthan, those encountering errors in the new system could not get food grains at all.

Santosh Devi, a goat herder with two young children, describes her peculiar problem. Like others in Puwadia village, she was impelled to enrol in Aadhaar, she says. The Aadhaar card she got bears her photograph and name, but when she tries to use it on the point of sale machine, the machine shows that the card belongs to a Rukma Devi of the neighbouring Baral village. When she took her Aadhaar card to officials in Jawaja last month, they told her they could not resolve the problem.



Santosh Devi says the biometrics machine shows that her Aadhaar identity belongs to a woman living in a nearby village.

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“For two months, the dealer Kesar Singh permitted me to buy our quota of 10 kilos of wheat in Rukma Devi’s name by noting it as a special case in a register, but last month he told me he cannot do this anymore,” said Santosh Devi, whose family falls below the poverty line. She held a three-year-old child in her lap, whose hair bore pale streaks, a sign of under-nutrition.

The only option the family has to continue getting their subsidised grains is if her husband, Ram Singh, a deaf and mute construction labourer working 430 kilometers away in Ahmedabad, returns to the village and tries using his biometrics stored in Aadhaar.

A crisis similar to Santosh Devi's is faced by Babu Singh, a construction worker who earns Rs 150 a day, and his wife Punni Devi, who has polio. They too have been “locked out” of the public distribution system as there is nobody in the six-member family whose Aadhaar works on the point of sale device.

Three of them – Babu Singh, his wife and the oldest of their four children – had enrolled in Aadhaar in 2014. Two years on, Punni Devi has not yet received her Aadhaar number. And the machine doesn't recognise the fingerprints of either Babu Singh or his eight-year-old son. No one in the village is sure why, but the machine falsely reads the number on Babu Singh's card as Punni Devi's Aadhaar identity.

“Lock lag gaya hai – they said there is a lock on your identity number when I asked them why my wheat has been stopped,” said Babu Singh. “They say ‘go to Jawaja, go to Jaipur’ to get it resolved.”



The machine reads the Aadhaar number on construction worker Babu Singh's Aadhaar card as belonging to his spouse Punni Devi.

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In principle, the Unique Identity Authority of India, the agency implementing Aadhaar, can send a one-time password to a registrant's mobile number listed in its database if the biometric authentication fails. But officials said this is not done in villages because in some instances the beneficiaries do not own mobile phones, and in some cases they have forgotten what mobile number was listed at the time of enrolment.

“This is a low income class,” a junior official in the district Food and Civil Supplies Department said. “They keep low balance on their phones, and the validity of the SIM expires often, and then they start using another mobile number.”

There are similar problems afflicting Masuda block, 50 kilometres from Jawaja block. The most vulnerable beneficiaries there say they face hardship and harassment when their Aadhaar authentication fails.

Standing in a snaking queue at the ration shop in Daulatpura village, Subani Ghisa, who suffers from polio, says she was unable to get ration after her Aadhaar authentication failed thrice in February. As she waited in line to try to get her quota of food grains for March, she was anxious that her last month's quota of grain was gone forever.

Back in Ajmer, the Food and Civil Supplies officer for the district's rural areas, Vinay Sharma, conceded that the point of sale machines had no option to record a missed transaction or to give out rations later for an authentication that failed in the past.

Sharma says that to ensure that people got their food entitlements before Holi in late March, the administration had permitted ration shop dealers to release food grains in exceptional cases, after noting them down in a register maintained at the shop.

But then how did the system remove the personal discretion of ration shop dealers and eliminate the scope for corruption? Sharma couldn't say.

District officials estimated that at nearly each of the 1,145 ration shops in Ajmer, typically 15 to 20 of the oldest and the poorest beneficiaries encounter repeated problems in biometric authentication and a similar number lack mobile phones. That comes to 17,000 to 20,000 people facing exclusion and hardship in one scheme in one district alone of Rajasthan's 33 districts.

Scroll.in tried to contact Subodh Agarwal, principal secretary for the Food and Civil Supplies Department, by sending him text messages and

calling his office. But he did not respond.

### **Is anyone listening?**

Like several other drought-prone areas in India, Ajmer recorded low rainfall in the last two years. In Jawaja and Masuda, the water table fell so low that even middle and high income farmers could not plant the wheat crop last November.

This has made the condition of agriculture and construction workers like Babu Singh and Subani Gisa even more precarious. “People are going crazy with anger here, because after the machine came, we have not got a single grain of wheat from the ration shop,” said Babu Singh. His six-member family was entitled to 25 kilos of wheat at Rs 2 a kilo in 2013, which changed to 30 kilos under the new per capita entitlements of the National Food Security law, and has now turned to nothing due to the failure of error-prone Aadhaar.





Babu Singh, a construction worker, and his wife Punni Devi say they have not got ration since the government made them switch to Aadhaar.

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The problem will only worsen since the new Aadhaar Act rushed through by the Modi government does not provide for an independent, block-level grievance redress mechanism.

Commenting on the **flaws in the legislation** in the monthly magazine Caravan, advocate Prashant Reddy Thikkavarapu pointed out: “Clause 23(2)(s) of the Aadhaar Bill delegates the entire process of setting up grievance redressal mechanisms to the Unique Identification Authority of India. It is not good policy to leave such a vital function to the very agency that is responsible for the administration of the project.”

In Rajasthan, the shortcomings of the system are showing on the ground.

The Department of Information Technology and Communications officials say they have deputed “technical staff” to fix the connectivity problems. The Department of Food and Civil Supplies officials say they regularly send food inspectors on field visits. But in Ajmer, the department is short-staffed, with only four inspectors instead of 16, one for each of the administrative blocks in the district.

At the village, block and district levels, the government has not provided any mechanisms for eligible beneficiaries to file a complaint over denial of ration due to the failure of Aadhaar. Beneficiaries have no way for being compensated for the denial of their entitlements due to the failures of Aadhaar.



P-20019/53/2014-LPG(PI)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

To

The Director (Mkt)  
✓ IOC/BPCL/HPCL  
Mumbai

**Subject: Aadhaar seeding in Pahal (DBTL) Scheme**

Sir,

I am directed to convey the approval for proposed action plan for implementing all over the country except for the states of Assam and Meghalaya :

- From 1.7.2016, subsidy will only be transferred to the eligible customer having Aadhaar seeding in LPG;
  - Subsidy for the BTC customers who have not seeded Aadhaar will be kept on hold till 30.9.2016, after which the parked subsidy will lapse and the customer would not be eligible for subsidy of the refills consumed after 1.10.2016 till he submits Aadhaar to his/ her LPG distributor;
  - In case the customer does not become Aadhaar compliant during the period 1.7.2016 to 30.9.2016 further quota of the customer will not be reversed as and when the customer becomes Aadhaar compliant after 1st October, 2016;
  - If the customer submits Aadhaar after 1.7.2016 but before 30.9.2016, his/her subsidies, if any, will be triggered to his bank account and the consumer will start receiving subsidies thereafter.
2. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble MoS(I/C),PNG.

Yours faithfully,

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Date : 01.09.2016

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Sub : Information sought under RTI Act, 2005.

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application dated 26/07/2016 which was received in this office on 04/08/2016. Information asked for is furnished as under:

Reply to Q. a, b, c & d :

- Copy of the latest directive of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas dated 30.06.16 regarding Aadhaar Seeding in PaHAL (DBTL) scheme is enclosed (Annexure-A).
- Kindly refer to the enclosure provided as per point a, which is the prevailing guidelines.
- & (d): The queries seek opinion/reason which is beyond the purview of Section 2(f) of RTI Act, 2005.

The particulars of 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority are given below. As per the provisions of the RTI Act-2005, the period of appeal is 30 days from the date of receipt of this communication:

Shri. Subimal Mondal

Appellate Authority & Executive Director(HR), HO  
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Thanking You,

Yours' Faithfully

For Indian Oil Corporation Limited

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Encl : Annex-A

IDENTITY PROJECT

# Parents struggle to sign up infants, toddlers for Aadhaar as Centre eyes 100% enrolment by March

Anumeha Yadav

Aug 29, 2016 · 12:30 pm

Critics say making the identification number mandatory for schemes pertaining to nutrition and education may result in exclusion of beneficiaries.



Image credit: Anumeha Yadav

Anara Devi, a 50-year-old domestic help in Delhi and a migrant from Uttar Pradesh is the first working woman in her family. When her granddaughter was born last year, Anara Devi wanted her to have access to the best school facilities.

For this, she tried signing the child up for Ladli, a Delhi government scheme that provide financial assistance for a girl's education till secondary school. However, Devi's granddaughter was turned away because the eight-month-old was not enroled in Aadhaar, a project that aims to assign a biometrics-based number to every resident.

The Delhi Women and Child Development Department officials would not allow her benefits under the scheme without an Aadhaar number.

Devi said her daughter-in-law had given birth in the government-run Safdarjung Hospital in



Delhi. “But they insisted on an Aadhaar for her,” she said, showing a copy of the birth certificate. “We missed out on **Rs 11,000** benefit despite my granddaughter having been born through an institutional delivery.”

The Aadhaar or Unique Identification project was run under an executive order from 2009 when it was launched till this year. State governments, including the Delhi government, **effectively made the Aadhaar mandatory** for several schemes. In Delhi, it was made mandatory for the Ladli scheme, leading to exclusion of children like Devi's grand daughter.

After several cases were filed in the Supreme Court challenging the legal and constitutional validity of the project, the court passed orders in October 2015 allowing the voluntary use of Aadhaar in **only five schemes**. In March 2016, National Democratic Alliance passed the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits, and Services) law.

The new Aadhaar law states that the government can ask residents to produce an Aadhaar number for accessing any "subsidy, benefit or service". The law states that "if an Aadhaar number is not assigned" to an individual, they may use alternate means of identification. During the debate in parliament, however, legislators pointed out that when a government agency asks for an Aadhaar number mandatorily, a beneficiary has no choice but to get an Aadhaar number.

The government **aims to** cover the entire population, especially infants and children, under Aadhaar by March 2017.

## Driving enrolment up

More than 98% adults in India are enrolled in the centralised Aadhar database and the government's focus has now shifted to children.

The Prime Minister's Office has asked for five major central schemes for children to be linked to Aadhaar, **reported** the Economic Times on August 22.

Of 23.4 crore Indians who do not have an Aadhaar number till now, 92.7%, or 21.7 crore, are children, the report said. Of this, children below the age of five have the lowest enrolment rate, at 23%.

“Aadhaar enrolment for adults is nearly complete,” a senior official in the Cabinet Secretariat told Scroll.in. “The focus will now be on children.”

The Centre now plans to link to Aadhaar the mid-day meal scheme for schools; the Integrated Child Development Services scheme, which provides supplementary nutrition to infants; Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan for universal education; and the Integrated Child Protection Scheme, to safeguard rights of children.

However, gauging from the challenges that families in Delhi face while getting their children enrolled under the biometric-based identification scheme, this is not going to be an easy

transition for beneficiaries.

## Struggle to get registered

In Lal Gumbad camp, a slum in Delhi's Sheikh Sarai area, Jia Devi and Ram Laali, whose husbands work as daily wage labourers in the national capital, had fared only marginally better than Anara Devi.

They had to travel 650 km to their village in Raebareli district of Uttar Pradesh, to get their daughters enrolled under Aadhaar.

"The staff at the Aadhaar enrolment centre at the Saket court in Delhi turned me away, saying my daughter is not even a year old, so we rushed to our village to get her enrolled so that she could avail herself of the Ladli scheme," said Jia Devi, holding her 11-month-old.



Jia Devi traveled with her infant daughter to their village in Rae Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, after she failed to get an Aadhaar for her in Saket in Delhi.

Image credit: Anumeha Yadav

Ram Laali said she had enrolled her three-year-old in Aadhaar in Delhi a year ago, but when they did not receive her Aadhaar number by post even months later, they were worried she would be left out of government schemes. "We then took her to our village as it would be easier to enrol there a second time," said Ram Lalli.

Suneeta, a migrant from Rajasthan, said she had to make four trips with her two infants, aged three and five, to an Aadhaar agent's shop in Delhi's Khirki before she could get them enrolled.

She needed her children to have Aadhaar numbers so that her family could get their full government rations.

Under the National Food Security Act, 2013, low-income households are entitled to five kilo per head of subsidised foodgrains every month, from ration outlets. However, since the Delhi government has linked food ration to Aadhaar, beneficiaries have to enrol even infants under the identification scheme so that the family can get its full per-capita entitlement.

At Jagdamba camp, an adjoining slum, residents shared similar stories of having to make repeated trips to enrolment centres to get their children enrolled.

Laxmi Chauhan, a home-maker in her 20s, said both her husband and her son cannot get their five-kilo share of subsidised food grains because they do not have an Aadhaar card.

"They both enrolled, but we never received their Aadhaar card," she said. "My son Vansh was two years old when we got him registered. When I tried to sign him up a second time, the staff said 'iski toh already slip cut hui hai' (they have already issued a slip for him). But if I show a print out of the enrolment slip to officials while trying to avail of the government schemes, it has a photo of a two-year-old. He is six years old now and officials say this is not the same boy."

She added in exasperation: "What should I do – make him look as small as he does on the enrolment ID slip?"

Nearly all families reported having paid bribes ranging from Rs 30 to Rs 300 to sign up at privately run enrolment centres and for updating any details, such as change of address, on Aadhaar.

## Consent of children

The Unique Identity Authority of India or UIDAI that issues Aadhaar numbers recognises that children below the age of five cannot give their biometric information as their finger prints and irises are yet to be fully developed.

So for children below 5, the UIDAI captures only the image of their face, and makes it **mandatory** for both parents to submit their Aadhaar and the child's birth certificate. One parents' fingerprint has to be submitted as a digital signature.

The children then have to enrol again once they turn five, when their biometric information will be captured. They have to enrol a third time and update their biometric data when they turn 18.

Officials believe linking schemes to Aadhaar allows better monitoring. "For instance, once an

infant is enrolled, delivery of nutritious meals in anganwadis [a government-run centre that provides meals and non-formal pre-school education to children] and vaccinations can be monitored,” said an official in the Cabinet Secretariat. “Aadhaar will also allow better monitoring of pre-natal care, check-ups of pregnant women.”

Child nutrition experts said making Aadhaar enrolment contingent on birth certificates will lead to large-scale exclusion of children from social schemes.

“In villages, births are noted in anganwadis and panchayats, but nearly 50% of families in North India do not have birth certificates and will get excluded,” said Dipa Sinha, an activist with Right to Food campaign.

Sinha said the government is ignoring the real problem and is focusing on something that need not be priority. “The main problem in mid-day meals is not of duplicate beneficiaries but of the quality of nutrition, and low budgets for the scheme,” she said. “How does linking the scheme to Aadhaar fix this?”

Legal experts raised concerns that enrolling children in a biometrics-based database amounts to a violation of their privacy as they are too young to provide informed consent.

One of the major concerns around Aadhaar has been that biometrics data is continuously being collected and centralised under the project even while India lacks a privacy law. The Supreme Court is set to form a constitution bench to examine the contours of the right to privacy flowing from the government's arguments in the Aadhaar case.

“After all the claims made about respecting citizens’ consent, how does the government explain collection of data of minors who cannot give such consent,” said Chinmayi Arun, executive director of Centre for Communication Governance at the National Law University, Delhi. “Is there a system in place to purge their data without trace if they decide at the age 18 that this is too grave a violation of their privacy?”





Nine-year-old Sanjana Bairwal enrolling in Aadhaar in Bagru, Jaipur district, after it was made compulsory for students to enrol in Aadhaar to access scholarships. Credit: Anumeha Yadav

Dr Usha Ramanathan, a legal scholar, criticised the government for making Aadhaar mandatory for schemes covering infants and small children. “Already, Delhi has recorded instances where financial benefits and vaccinations were denied to infants under these schemes,” said Ramanathan. “By pushing Aadhaar on to infants, the government seems to be focused only on completing its database.”

Ramanathan added that the government was experimenting on infants and children with untested technology.

## Untested technology

In a [recent interview](#) to Business Standard, ABP Pandey, director general of UIDAI, said that research was underway on whether the print of infants’ heel was more fully developed, and hence, more suited for capturing as biometric data during Aadhar enrolment.

During the [Rajya Sabha debate](#) on the Aadhaar Bill in March, finance minister Arun Jaitley too had spoken of this. “The fingerprints of a two-year-old will evolve and change,” he said. “Twenty years later, on his Aadhaar biometric details, those fingerprints would not be valid. Now, some of the experts who came, said, fingerprints would evolve and change, but there is one new

information, as a part of biometric information, which doesn't with age. It is the printout of the heel..."

Said Ramnathan: "They themselves admit that they are experimenting with biometrics. What gives government the authority to experiment on anyone? The only group that will benefit in this process is technology manufacturers."

Arghya Sengupta, research director at the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, which assisted the government in drafting the Aadhaar law, **passed as a money Bill** in March, said that the concerns around children's consent as well as exclusion could be addressed through regulation.

"The baseline principle has to be that enrolment cannot be without consent and in the case of children, consent will have to be through parents or guardians," said Sengupta. "Whether someone will have the right to rescind consent on becoming an adult is something that will have to be seen. Such a provision can be made through regulation."

He added: "I am hopeful that there will be a robust grievance mechanism. The law should be a tool for inclusion, not exclusion."

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# Rajasthan presses on with Aadhaar after fingerprint readers fail: We'll buy iris scanners

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The state is pushing the use of unique identification project despite lack of infrastructure and administrative preparedness, experimenting on the poorest.



Image credit: Anumeha Yadav

Irfan Ali bent over the small orange machine sitting on the table, contemplating the snag. Behind him a crowd waited impatiently.

“Yesterday, we had to send about a hundred people back when the internet did not work for six hours,” said Ali. It was clear that many would have to be turned away again.

Ali’s grandfather Abdul Aziz watched the disruption anxiously from a corner of the shop.

Aziz has been running this ration shop in Daulatpura village of Rajasthan's Ajmer district since 1970. But once the state government mandated last December that subsidised ration had to be given out only through Aadhaar authentication, he decided to draft in his grandson.

The way food ration is distributed now is no longer that familiar to Aziz. Now Rajasthan's ration beneficiaries have to place a finger on a small machine, which uses the internet to match their biometric information against the data stored on the servers of Aadhaar, India's biometrics-based unique identification project. Once their identity is confirmed, the ration shop owner can hand them their rations at the prescribed rate.

Unfortunately, things rarely go as designed.

That day in late March, only two beneficiaries had got verified in two hours after the ration shop opened. One of them, Mithia Ghisa, a farm worker, said it was his sixth attempt that month to buy foodgrain from the fair price shop. After him came the turn of Hanja Devi, a 68-year-old woman who needs a stick to walk. She trekked four kilometres to the ration shop from her village Karanpura for the third time in three days to buy 35 kilos of wheat at Rs 2 a kilo. Hanja Devi is an Antyodaya beneficiary, which means she belongs to the poorest of the poor category.

The machine had recognised the fingerprints on her pale weathered hands in February, but it failed to do so on that day. She first put her thumb, and after that got rejected, her index finger. Both times a pre-recorded voice rang out: Aap ka Aadhaar sahi nahi hai. Your Aadhaar is incorrect.

"The machine says the old woman is lying," joked a man standing on the side.

"Break a coconut first next time," quipped another.

The older villagers in the queue, however, sounded exasperated with the repeated Aadhaar authentication errors.

"We have tried with one, two, all ten fingers," said a man in his 50s. "Bas naarh daalni baaki hai. Should we put our necks also into the device?"

That day too, **Hanja Devi went back** without any foodgrain.

Hanja Devi, an Antyodaya beneficiary, failed to get 35 kilo foodgrain on her third trip in three days because of Aadhaar authentication failures.

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### **Rushed roll-out**

Under the Aadhaar project, the government plans to issue a unique identity number to all citizens after collecting their fingerprints and iris scans.

Explaining the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits) Bill in the Parliament on March 11, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said that the unique identification project will help the government target eligible beneficiaries in public schemes and ensure that no one gets the same benefit twice.

Over 99 crore persons – 97% of India’s adult population and 67% of children – had already enrolled in Aadhaar, Jaitley said. “The earlier we implement the idea, the better it would be in the overall interest of the country,” he reasoned.

In Daulatpura in Ajmer’s Masuda block, Abdul Aziz, the ration dealer, said that in December he was instructed by the Department of Food and Civil Supplies to start using Aadhaar authentication on the biometric point of sale device. Rajasthan is the second state after Andhra Pradesh to distribute ration in all districts through Aadhaar biometric authentication.

Events since have shown, though, that it was a hasty rollout – neither the infrastructure nor the administrative set-up was ready for the transition.

In Rajasthan, the period from the 10th to 24th every month is the customer fortnight – it is the time when ration beneficiaries can get foodgrain at subsidised prices. Under the National Food Security law, the state provides 5 kilos of wheat per person at Rs 2 per kilo to below poverty line families, and 35 kilos of wheat at the same price to Antyodaya households. Antyodaya households – the poorest of the poor families – include vulnerable tribal households, elderly couples living in distress, families headed by disabled persons, and widows who cannot afford to buy grains in the market.

Of the nearly 860 beneficiaries who came to Aziz’s ration shop in December, he said, only half could get their fingerprint authenticated in one go – the rest had to make several trips. “For about 200, whom the machine did not authenticate even after we had tried all 10 fingers on 10 different days, I used the manual override feature to give them grains on two days as the fortnight was ending.” Aziz marked these as exceptional cases in a register maintained at the ration shop.

On January 13, the machine stopped working altogether during the consumer fortnight. Aziz travelled 60 kilometres to Ajmer and presented it to a district official, but he was sent back without a fix. For the rest of the month, he used the manual override feature again.

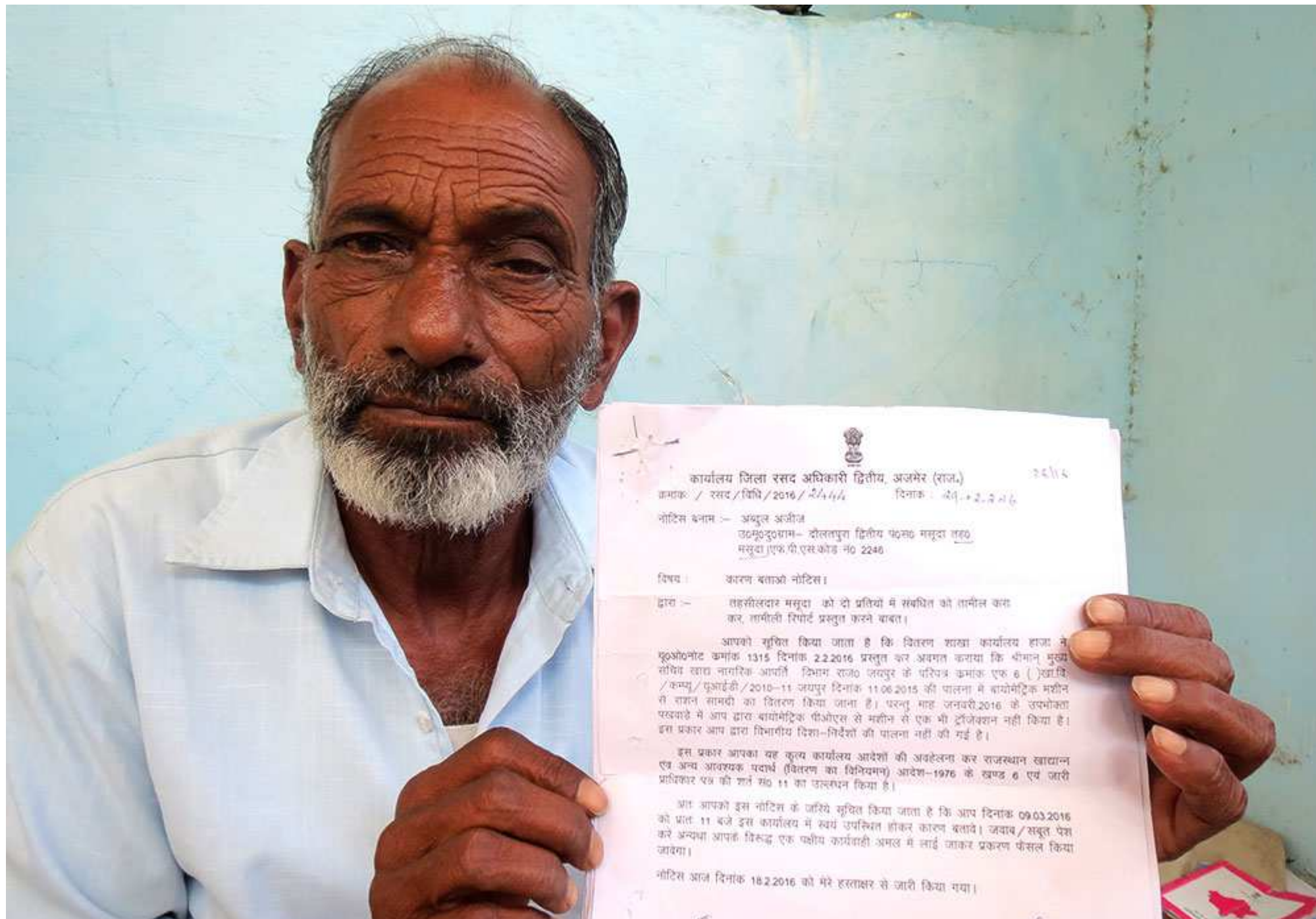
In February, the state Department of Food and Civil Supplies issued orders to all 1,145 ration dealers that foodgrain will be disbursed only through the biometric device. “From February 10 till [February] 15, I did not give any grains because the machine was not repaired yet,” Aziz

recounted. “On February 16, I took the machine to Ajmer again, and this time the official repaired it in four days. I travelled to Ajmer on February 21 to bring it back. But after that, only about 500 of over 800 beneficiaries came to take grains. Several who had already made five-six trips to the shop did not try again.”

On February 29, Aziz and 13 other ration dealers in Masuda block of Ajmer district were served show-cause notices by the government asking why they had used the manual override feature.

In its order last August, the Supreme Court had permitted only voluntary use of Aadhaar in the public distribution system. But the Rajasthan government had made the use of Aadhaar mandatory by having no clearly laid-out policy on alternative means for beneficiaries to get foodgrain.





On February 29, Abdul Aziz was asked by the government to show cause why he used the manual override on the Aadhaar machine to disburse foodgrain.

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“The signal is patchy, and the internet stops working,” said Aziz’s young grandson Irfan Ali, now holding the machine in his hands. He pointed it in the direction of Jaipur, the state capital 150 kilometres away, though in the distance only the rocky Aravalli range could be seen.

### **Hardship for beneficiaries**

Most farmers in Masuda, a village 60 kilometres from Ajmer with dry and rocky earth, have very small landholdings that support only one crop a year. Almost half of them migrate to work in construction in Jodhpur and in silica and felspar mines in Bhilwara and Bundi, and return when the mines get flooded during the monsoon. The severe drought has made the condition of these small farmers and workers even more precarious.

As Irfan Ali searched for signal on the biometric machine, beneficiaries from four villages – Daulatpura, Amarpura, Kanpura, Rahanpura – waited at the ration shop, most of them elderly and women. There were also a few construction workers in the queue. Dakhu Devi, Anada Singh, Babu Singh, Badami Devi, Sohan Singh, Ganga Devi were among those whose fingerprints **could not be authenticated**.

Badarji, an elderly farmer from Kanpura, left his Aadhaar and ration card with Irfan Ali after five unsuccessful attempts to authenticate his fingerprints. “Din bhar pareshaan, angootha bhi na mile. They hassle us the whole day, and fingerprints don’t match,” said Badarji, as he went away.

“Kabhi taawar na aave, kabhi machine ba chaale,” Badami Devi complained about the connectivity and the malfunctioning device.

Anada Singh, an elderly man, requested in earnest: “Machine waapis le jao, ghutna dukhe hai. Our knees hurt now, please take the machine back.”





Anada Singh was not able to get his subsidised ration because the biometric machine did not recognise him.

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There were a host of other errors too on that afternoon in March. The biometric machine showed that the Aadhaar number of Santosh Devi, of Kesharpura village, belonged to someone else. Radha Devi of Hari Thakur Badiya, Daulatpur, couldn't get foodgrain because the machine said her Aadhaar number belonged to Choti, which is her name on her voter ID and this does not match the name on her ration card recorded as Radha.

Raju Singh, an 18-year-old migrant construction labourer working in Bhilwara 150 kilometers away who was visiting home in Daulatpura, said he had to get his ration card made thrice after his address was wrongly recorded as Shergarh panchayat. But after that trouble, when he tried to use his Aadhaar, the biometric machine read it as someone else's ration card, a "seeding" error. "When I showed it to officials, they said your Aadhaar has got linked to someone else's ration card." They gave him no further help, he said.

The Aadhaar Act, which the Modi government rushed through the Parliament, **does not provide** any independent, block-level grievance redress mechanism, or compensation for loss of legal entitlements because of Aadhaar authentication failures. The Aadhaar law, or other laws such as the National Food Security law in this instance, have no legal framework to streamline how officials assist users through new processes and emerging difficulties to ensure that those facing problems do not get excluded.

### **Lack of legal framework**

In Masuda in Ajmer, while several like Singh suffer from seeding errors, there are thousands whose welfare details have not been "seeded" at all. This makes them ineligible for benefits.

After a person enrolls and gets demographic and biometrics registered in the Aadhaar database, for them to get a subsidy, benefit or service, their unique Aadhaar number has to be added to – or "seeded in" – the government database. Banks carry out the same procedure, linking the Aadhaar number to the bank account of the account holders for beneficiaries to get a cash transfer.

In Rajasthan, a beneficiary's household details have to be additionally seeded in the Bhamashah scheme, the state direct benefits transfer programme riding on the technical infrastructure created for Aadhaar. Only when these processes are complete can an Aadhaar-holder receive a subsidy, benefit or a cash transfer.

The Rajasthan government made Aadhaar-based authentication mandatory at ration shops in December when the ration-seeding process was completed for less than half the ration beneficiaries. In Ajmer's Masuda block, which includes Daultapura, only 38,093 of 66,893 household ration cards (or 56%) had been seeded till March 18. For Ajmer district, this figure was 4,60,120 of 8,68,491 (or only 52%).

Asked why the administration had made Aadhaar authentication mandatory when the procedures were incomplete for nearly half the population, a district official said, "Senior officials in Jaipur ordered so. Unless the government pressures people to get details enrolled and seeded, no beneficiaries will do it on their own."

This implied an approach where officials expected beneficiaries to get their details seeded at their own cost from E-Mitra, the e-governance services provider in villages, when they face hardship and exclusion from programmes. The failure to do so or to get errors corrected can get lead to a beneficiary's ration card being deleted.

In Ajmer, officials deleted 62,251 ration cards between January 1 and March 18. They said this helped weed out fake beneficiaries and also helped them achieve "higher seeding" levels. But there is no formal mechanism through a public hearing or other process, to verify if it is a fake or "ghost" beneficiary who is being deleted or a genuine recipient.

### **Absent infrastructure**

In Ajmer, officials were busy resolving the recurring glitches in the absence of adequate infrastructure and submitting reports to Jaipur through video conferencing.

For an Aadhaar authentication to work in Rajasthan, three platforms have to work simultaneously – the Aadhaar or Unique Identification Authority's servers, the National Informatics Centre domain for ration subsidies, and the Department of Information Technology and Communications' Bhamashah platform.

Ajmer's food and supply officer for rural areas Vinay Sharma and the four enforcement officials in his department were overstretched dealing with the problems in the district's 1,145 fair price shops. "From March 11 till 18, one week of the ration consumers' fortnight, the servers were not working properly, but the beneficiaries do not understand this," said Sharma. "They have low income, they just want their grains."

Sharma said that not just Masuda and Jawaja blocks, but all parts surrounded by the Aravalli hills had poor internet connectivity. "In Todgarh,

which is also near the Aravalli hills, the ration dealer has to collect the beneficiaries 3 kilometres from the shop to catch signal. The beneficiaries do their fingerprint authentication at that spot, and then have to go back to the ration shop to take their grains.”

What the Ajmer administration described as a problem only in remote and hilly parts of the district is, however, repeating in areas around the capital Jaipur too. In Shyonsinhapura village in Jaipur district’s Sanganer block, 40 kilometres from the capital, a crowd of ration beneficiaries were getting impatient as the ration dealer Rajesh Jain and Ram Avtar, a young assistant, sat poring over the biometric machine.

“Server ki kami hai, aur network kharaab rehta hai. The servers fail, and there is poor connectivity,” Ram Avtar said he faced the same difficulties. Avtar had undergone government training for four days on how to use the new machine. He said the connectivity was so bad in February that he **climbed on to the shop** roof to get signal, but even that had failed.



Ram Avtar said the internet did not work reliably even in Sanganer, 40 kilometres from Jaipur.

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Rajesh Jain, the ration dealer, said that of the 830 families taking ration from his shop, 45 couldn't get their biometrics identified even once, and the others had to try over multiple trips to the ration shop.

Minutes after he said this, Vijendra Kumawat, a 17-year-old student, and Raju Berwa, a construction worker, were turned back because the

machine did not recognise them. “What took two days earlier in the old system now takes eight days,” said Raju Berwa, a construction worker who tried to get authenticated a second time after **washing his hands** but still failed to get his share of 5 kilo grains.

Like in Daulatpura, many households are excluded from their food entitlements in Shyonsinhapura too because of “seeding errors”. Anil Prajapati, the local e-governance service provider, said 360 of 1,100 families in the area can’t get foodgrains anymore because their old ration cards numbers, which were no longer valid, had been seeded with their Aadhaar numbers. He was not sure **how to rectify them**.

Meanwhile, in the adjoining area of Bagru, several families were trying to get their children’s biometrics registered through the local E-Mitra’s shop because schools had ordered them to enrol for Aadhaar.

In Ajmer district too, the E-Mitra, a high school graduate with basic computer training, was doing Aadhaar biometric enrolment and seeding, work earlier outsourced to private vendor companies. “Private enrolment agencies were interested only in camp-mode enrolment,” explained Ashutosh Gautam, an analyst and programmer in the Department of Information Technology and Communications. “The vendors left after most of the adult enrolment was over. They were not interested in sitting in villages. Now the local E-Mitra in villages will capture the biometrics and send it to the Unique Identification Authority directly.”



Seven year-old Abhishek Bairwa enrolled for Aadhaar at a private shop in Bagru, Jaipur.

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## New machines

Subodh Agarwal, principal secretary (food and civil supplies department), did not respond to text messages, phone calls to his office or an emailed questionnaire.

ABP Pandey, director general of the Unique Identification Authority of India, said in an interview to the Business Standard last month that “in Rajasthan for public distribution system, the rate of failure of fingerprint authentication is much **higher than expected**”.

However, Ashutosh Deshpande, technical director with the Department of Information Technology and Communications, described the errors as “teething problems”. “These problems keep coming and we keep rectifying them,” he said.

Jai Singh, who is Officer on Special Duty-Unique Identification Authority, estimated that fingerprint authentication did not work for just “4% to 5%” of the population.

The department maintains and uploads data on the successful transactions through biometric authentication, but officials declined to share the information on how many transactions had failed or how many had required multiple attempts. “There is a technical issue in deriving the data on such multiple attempts,” said an official.

Then, how was this high-technology based system making administration of public schemes more transparent? He didn’t say.

Hansraj Yadav, who is additional director- Unique Identification Authority, said that to solve the problem of high rates of fingerprint authentication failure, the Rajasthan government is planning to install more biometric machines – this time, iris scanning machines.

“An initial technical bid for purchasing 1,000 iris scanning machines as an additional facility at ration shops has been opened. The financial bid will be passed in the next two to three days,” said Yadav.

Yadav stated that installing fingerprint authentication enabled point of sale devices at 26,000 ration shops in the state had cost the government

Rs 54 crore. The iris scanners will cost four times the fingerprint authentication machines, and will be installed in the next three to four months, he said.

Beneficiaries can only hope that after that, they can without hassles buy five kilo subsidized foodgrain.





The biometrics machine did not recognise any of these ration beneficiaries in Daulatpura in Ajmer on March 18.

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क्र. सं.	माह	मजदूरी करने वाले सदस्य का नाम	अवधि जिसमें कार्य किया गया		कुल कार्य दिवस	कार्य का नाम	सेजनाग का नाम	मजदूर सेल क्रमांक	मजदूर सेल में क्र.सं.	क्रियान्वयन एजेंसी का नाम	मजदूरी भुगतान की गई				कुल राशि	क्रियान्वयन एजेंसी द्वारा प्रशिक्षित अधिकारी/पर्यवेक्षक के हस्ताक्षर
			दिनांक से	दिनांक तक							नगर	खाद्यान्न की मात्रा	खाद्यान्न की राशि			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
1	जुलाई	नारायण	24.7.14	5.8.14	08	डा. रमेश चंद	डा. रमेश चंद	13121		गान्ध	800		800			
2	अगस्त	—	24.8.14	20.9.14	18	डा. रमेश चंद	डा. रमेश चंद	13121		गान्ध	800		800			
3	अगस्त	—	24.8.14	20.9.14	11	डा. रमेश चंद	डा. रमेश चंद	13121		गान्ध	800		800			
4	अगस्त	—	24.8.14	20.9.14	13	डा. रमेश चंद	डा. रमेश चंद	13121		गान्ध	800		800			

प्रदत्त सेजनाग एवं मजदूरी भुगतान का विवरण																
क्र. सं.	माह	मजदूरी करने वाले सदस्य का नाम	अवधि जिसमें कार्य किया गया		कुल कार्य दिवस	कार्य का नाम	सेजनाग का नाम	मजदूर सेल क्रमांक	मजदूर सेल में क्र.सं.	क्रियान्वयन एजेंसी का नाम	मजदूरी भुगतान की गई				कुल राशि	क्रियान्वयन एजेंसी द्वारा प्रशिक्षित अधिकारी/पर्यवेक्षक के हस्ताक्षर
			दिनांक से	दिनांक तक							नगर	खाद्यान्न की मात्रा	खाद्यान्न की राशि			
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नोट : 1. एक वित्तीय वर्ष में 100 कार्य दिवस का सेजनाग प्राप्त होने के उपरान्त लाल लाईन खींच कर क्रियान्वयन एजेंसी संप्रदाय/विभाग/अन्य द्वारा हस्ताक्षर कर मोहर अंकित की जावेगी।

- कोई भी पंक्ति रिक्त नहीं छोड़ी जावेगी।
- प्रत्येक माह के उपरान्त माह के अंत में उपलब्ध कराये गये सेजनाग का माहवार योग दर्शाया जावेगा।

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## **Biometric Authentication Derails the PDS in Jharkhand: NFSA Cardholders in the Pilot District Get Less than Half of their Entitlements**

Aadhaar-based biometric authentication was recently made compulsory for users of the Public Distribution System (PDS) in Ranchi District, Jharkhand. This involves installing “Point of Sale” (PoS) machines at PDS outlets, and verifying the identity of cardholders by matching their fingerprints against the Aadhaar database over the internet.

*The government’s own data, easily accessible from its exemplary NFSA website, suggest that the system has run into serious trouble. In July 2016, NFSA cardholders in Ranchi District received barely half of their foodgrain entitlements from the PDS (see Annexure). A similar pattern emerges from updated calculations for August (available on request), when NFSA cardholders received just 53% of their entitlements through the PoS system.*

This failure is likely to reflect the inappropriate nature of Aadhaar technology for rural Jharkhand. The new system requires many fragile technologies to work at the same time: the PoS machine, the internet, the biometrics, remote servers, and the mobile network. In addition, the data groundwork (including Aadhaar seeding) must have been done correctly. In Jharkhand, where there are huge connectivity problems even in the state capital, these conditions are very demanding. No wonder, then, that many people are finding themselves deprived of their PDS entitlements.

It is not clear whether those for whom the system does not work are getting any rice through the old “registers” system. Officially, that is not allowed, according to local dealers and officials. Even if it happens unofficially, this “dual system”, where some PDS grain goes through the PoS system and the rest through the fallback register system, is the worst. The reason is that only the dealers know the modalities of the fallback register system, and they have no incentive to explain it to the cardholders. Quite likely, the new system has *revived* corruption in the PDS, in a state where much progress had been made, in recent years, in fighting PDS corruption through other means.

Short of going from house to house, we found it virtually impossible to understand whether PDS dealers are still doing, and allowed to do, register transactions. Enquiries from cardholders in several villages of Ratu Block suggest that very little rice, if any, is reaching them outside the PoS system.

Incidentally, Supreme Court orders prohibit Aadhaar being made mandatory for the PDS. The Court did allow Aadhaar to be used in the PDS (e.g. for deduplication), but not making it compulsory – this would violate earlier orders that prohibit Aadhaar being made compulsory for *any* public service to which people are otherwise entitled. Nor can the government invoke the Aadhaar Act to justify this move: the relevant section of the Act (Section 7) is yet to be notified.

None of this, unfortunately, seems to be deterring the state government. Despite growing evidence (not only from Jharkhand but also from other states, especially Rajasthan) that Aadhaar-based PoS machines can turn into minor weapons of mass destruction as far as the PDS is concerned, the government is planning to extend this technology to the entire state within a few months.

**For further information, please contact Jean Drèze (9471130049) or Sneha Menon (9902321491).**

**Annexure: PDS Entitlements and Transactions in Ranchi District, July 2016**

<b>Block</b>	<b>Number of Priority Household members [1]</b>	<b>Number of Antyodaya households [2]</b>	<b>Total monthly entitlement<sup>a</sup> (kg) [3]</b>	<b>Quantity transacted (kg) [4]</b>	<b>Quantity transacted as a ratio (%) of entitlement<sup>b</sup> [5]</b>
NAMKUM	83,290	4,449	572165	83800	14.6
BUNDU	34,544	3,710	302570	87890	29.0
RANCHI (CR)	446,515	23,540	3056475	942478	30.8
RAHE	33,557	3,142	277755	92855	33.4
MANDAR	82,070	4,277	560045	216217	38.6
SONAHATU	44,574	3,731	353455	142122	40.2
LAPUNG	30,367	4,302	302405	138608	45.8
TAMAR	94,833	4,521	632400	303292	48.0
KANKE	142,505	9,361	1040160	518175	49.8
CHANHO	69,177	3,349	463100	235893	50.9
SILLI	78,910	4,641	556985	326674	58.7
ORMANJHI	62,965	5,469	506240	302798	59.8
BURMU	56,918	5,042	461060	287842	62.4
KHELARI	34,138	3,226	283600	177281	62.5
ANGARA	65,428	6,726	562550	359471	63.9
NAGRI	33,914	4,964	343310	234042	68.2
ITKI	28,894	2,375	227595	156496	68.8
RATU	34,673	4,941	346300	240076	69.3
BUNDU (NP)	12,983	3	65020	45505	70.0
BERO	74,853	3557	498760	425325	85.3
	<b>15,45,108</b>	<b>1,05,326</b>	<b>11411950</b>	<b>5316840</b>	<b>46.6</b>

<sup>a</sup> At the rate of 5 kg per person for Priority households and 35 kg per household for AAY households.

<sup>b</sup> Col [4] divided by [3].

Notes: (1) Columns [1], [2] and [4] from Jharkhand's official PDS website ([aahar.jharkhand.gov.in](http://aahar.jharkhand.gov.in)). Columns [3] and [5] are calculated as explained in the notes.

(2) If anything, transactions are *overestimated* in this table, because the transaction data actually pertain to "July and August" as of 5 August 2016, not July alone.





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29<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India vide its letter D.O. No.18-7/2013-U1A dated 10th June, 2016 has instructed the University Grants Commission that from the financial year 2016-17 onwards the Aadhaar has been mandatory for disbursement of all Government subsidies/Scholarships/Fellowships which are to be disbursed directly into the beneficiaries' account. The Universities are requested that they may seek the details of the beneficiaries and put all information on universities/institutions' website and email a copy of the same immediately to Dr. Sunita Siwach, Deputy Secretary (Selection and Awards), UGC on ssiwach.ugc@nic.in. In case of any clarification, you are requested to contact Dr. Sunita Siwach on her telephone 011-23235640.

It is requested that in case some of the beneficiaries do not have Aadhaar Cards they may be instructed to get themselves enrolled immediately in the Regional Offices of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), Government of India for obtaining the same.

I reiterate that Aadhaar has been mandatory from this financial year (2016-17) onwards for disbursement of Scholarships/Fellowships and to prevent any hardship to the fellows/scholars, it would be appropriate that immediate action is taken by your esteemed university/institution and the affiliated colleges so that the data is made available to the UGC to allow seamless flow of the scholarships/fellowships to the beneficiaries.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Jaspal S. Sandhu)

**The Vice-Chancellor of all Universities/Institutes**

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अकुशल रोजगार चाहने वाले परिवार के वयस्क सदस्यों का संयुक्त फोटो हेतु जगह

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परिवार के मुखिया का नाम  
पिता/पति का नाम  
ग्राम का नाम  
ग्राम पंचायत का नाम  
पंचायत समिति का नाम  
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परिवार के सदस्यों का विवरण

नाम	पिता का नाम	आयु	लिंग	परिवार के मुखिया से सम्बन्ध
बावडी देवी	ब/० पद्माक्ष	55	ऊ.	स्वयं
बावडी देवी	मोहराक्ष	18	ऊ.	पुत्री
				ग्राम का नाम

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हस्ताक्षर  
सचिव की मोहर ग्राम पंचायत

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महात्मा गांधी राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजन  
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वित्तीय वर्ष-2013-14

प्रदत्त रोजगार एवं मजदूरी															
क्र. सं.	गांव	मजदूरी करने वाले सदस्य का नाम	अवधि जिसमें कार्य किया गया		कुल कार्य दिवस	कार्य का नाम	योजना का नाम	मस्टर रोल में क्र.सं.	क्रियाच्यवन एजेंसी का नाम	मजदूरी भुगतान की गई				कुल राशि	क्रियाच्यवन एजेंसी द्वारा प्राधिकृत अधिकारी/पर्यवेक्षक के हस्ताक्षर
			दिनांक से	दिनांक तक						नगद	खाद्यान्न की मात्रा	खाद्यान्न की राशि			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	मुरी	करदी बेदी	21-5-12	5-6-12	14	बोया	मालाहिटी	632			1400			1400	
2	हुन I	—	6/6/13	20/6/13	12	—	—	3110			1080			1080	
3	—	—	21/6/13	5/7/13	13	गहरी	करना	9180			1337			1337	
4	हुन I	—	6-7-13	20-7-13	13	—	—								
5	—	—	23/7	5/8	10	—	—	2							
6	काला	—	6/8	20/8	10	—	—	13058-8							
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नोट : 1. एक वित्तीय वर्ष में 100 कार्य दिवस का रोजगार प्राप्त होने के उपरान्त लाल लार्डन खींच कर क्रियाच्यवन एजेंसी को भेजना/विनाग/अन्य द्वारा हस्ताक्षर कर मोहर अंकित की जावेगी।  
उपरान्त गांव के अंत में उपलब्ध कराये गये रोजगार का माहवार योग दर्शाया जावेगा।



महत्वा गांधी राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार रणनीति का विवरण

वित्तीय वर्ष-2014-15

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प्रदत्त योजनाएं एवं मजदूरों का भुगतान का विवरण

क्र. सं.	माह	मजदूरी करने वाले सदस्य का नाम	अवधि जिसमें कार्य किया गया		कुल कार्य दिवस	कार्य का नाम	योजना का नाम	मजदूर श्रमिक	मजदूर श्रमिकों का सं.	क्रियात्मक एजेंसी का नाम	मजदूरी भुगतान की गई				कुल राशि	क्रियात्मक एजेंसी द्वारा प्राधिकृत के द्वारा
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
1	अप्रैल	01/04/15	11/04/15	20/04/15	07	57	मजदूर	66	83	अप्रैल	700	—	—	700		
2	मई	—	21/05/15	30/05/15	10	—	—	83	23	—	1300	—	—	1300		
3	जून	—	01/06/15	10/06/15	10	—	—	13	31	—	800	—	—	800		
4	जुलाई	—	01/07/15	10/07/15	10	—	—	13	31	—	1540	—	—	1540		
5	अगस्त	—	01/08/15	10/08/15	10	—	—	13	31	—	—	—	—	—		
6	सितंबर	—	01/09/15	10/09/15	10	—	—	13	31	—	—	—	—	—		
7	अक्टूबर	—	01/10/15	10/10/15	10	—	—	13	31	—	—	—	—	—		
8	नवंबर	—	01/11/15	10/11/15	10	—	—	13	31	—	—	—	—	—		

टिप्पणी : 1. एक वित्तीय वर्ष में 100 कार्य दिवस का योगदान प्राप्त होने के बाद मात्र भुगतान किया जाएगा।

- नोट : 1. एक वित्तीय वर्ष में 100 कार्य दिवस का रोजगार प्राप्त होने के उपरान्त लाल लाईन खींच कर क्रियात्मक एजेंसी द्वारा/विभाग/अन्य द्वारा हस्ताक्षर कर मोहर अंकित की जावेगी।  
2. कोई भी व्यक्ति रिक्त नहीं छोड़ी जावेगी।  
3. प्रत्येक माह के उपरान्त माह के अंत में उपलब्ध कराये गये रोजगार का माहवार योग दर्शाया जावेगा।



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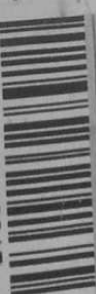
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- विक्रय मूल्य केवल वस्तु पर छपे मूल्य के आधार पर न देकर पहले बाजार में कीमतों की तुलना करें।
- मिलावटी संभावना वाली वस्तुओं की खरीददारी में विशेष सतर्कता बरतें।
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## जॉब कार्ड

(राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार गारन्टी स्कीम राजस्थान)

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महात्मा गांधी राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार

प्रदत्त रोजगार एवं मजदूरी

वित्तीय वर्ष-2013-14

क्र. सं.	माह	मजदूरी करने वाले सदस्य का नाम	अवधि जिसमें कार्य किया गया		कुल कार्य दिवस	कार्य का नाम	योजना का नाम	मान का विवरण		मजदूरी भुगतान का	नगद	खाद्यान्न की मात्रा	खाद्यान्न की राशि	राशि	अधिकारी/पर्यवेक्षक के हस्ताक्षर
			दिनांक से	दिनांक तक				मजदूर रोल में क्र. सं.	क्रियान्वयन एजेन्सी का नाम						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
1	मई	जसदी-देवी	21-5-12	5-6-12	14	बोया	मालाहिंदी	632					1400		
2	जून	I	6/6/13	20/6/13	12	बोया	मालाहिंदी	310		1080			1080		
3	जुलै	I	21/6/13	5/7/13	13	बोया	मालाहिंदी	9180		1937			1937		
4	अगस्त	I	6-7-13	20-7-13	13	बोया	मालाहिंदी								
5	सितंबर	I	23/7	5/8	10	बोया	मालाहिंदी	2							
6	अक्टूबर	I	6/8	20/8	10	बोया	मालाहिंदी	13058-8							
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नोट : 1. एक वित्तीय वर्ष में 100 कार्य दिवस का रोजगार प्राप्त होने के उपरान्त लाल लार्डन खींच कर क्रियान्वयन एजेन्सी

- सरपंच/विभाग/अन्य द्वारा हस्ताक्षर कर मोहर अंकित की जावेगी।
- कोई भी पंक्ति रिक्त नहीं छोड़ी जावेगी।
- प्रत्येक माह के उपरान्त माह के अन्त में उपलब्ध कराये गये रोजगार का माहवार योग दर्शाया जावेगा।

महात्मा गांधी राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार रणनीति स्कीम राजस्थान

वित्तीय वर्ष-2014-15

क्र. सं.	माह	मजदूरी करने वाले सदस्य का नाम	अवधि जिसमें कार्य किया गया		कुल कार्य दिवस	कार्य का नाम	योजना का नाम	मस्टर शेल क्र.सं.	मस्टर शेल में क्र.सं.	क्रियात्मकता एन्वेलोप का नाम	मजदूरी भुगतान की गई				कुल राशि	क्रियान्वयन एन्वेलोप द्वारा प्राधिकृत अधिकारी/पर्यवेक्षक के हस्ताक्षर
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
1	जन I	परदीप	11/11/14	20/11/14	07	डा. रघुवीर	मस्टर शेल क्र.सं.	66410	1300	1300	700	-	-	700		
2	जन II	-	21.6.14	5.7.14	13	डा. रघुवीर	मस्टर शेल क्र.सं.	8388	11223	11223	1200	-	-	1200		
3	जन III	-	6.7.14	20.7.14	12	डा. रघुवीर	मस्टर शेल क्र.सं.	13131	13131	13131	800	-	-	800		
4	जन IV	-	24.7.14	5.8.14	08	डा. रघुवीर	मस्टर शेल क्र.सं.	17026	17026	17026	1540	-	-	1540		
5	जन V	-	27/11	20/11	11	डा. रघुवीर	मस्टर शेल क्र.सं.	17026	17026	17026	1540	-	-	1540		
6	जन VI	-	28/11	5/12	08	डा. रघुवीर	मस्टर शेल क्र.सं.	17026	17026	17026	1540	-	-	1540		
7	जन VII	-	5/12/14	20/12/14	13	डा. रघुवीर	मस्टर शेल क्र.सं.	17026	17026	17026	1540	-	-	1540		
8	जन VIII	-	11/3/15	20/3/15	08	डा. रघुवीर	मस्टर शेल क्र.सं.	17026	17026	17026	1540	-	-	1540		

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## Woman gives birth on Jharkhand highway

**IANs | Ranchi September 10, 2016** Last Updated at 13:30 IST

A woman gave birth on a highway in Jharkhand after over five hours of not receiving any medical aid, officials said on Saturday.

On Thursday, the pregnant woman Sonmani Ageria, a resident of Latehar district, along with her three children walked 18 km to enrol for a UIDAI (Adhar) card at the district headquarters.

Early Friday morning, she started suffering from labour pains.

According to reports, she was in pain for almost five hours and no help reached her.

She delivered the baby on the highway. The baby survived but there was no one to attend to the newborn.

A government hospital was around 100 metres from the highway, the reports said.

Someone informed the Latehar police and she was shifted to hospital later on Friday.

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ITEM NO.53

COURT NO.8

SECTION X

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s). 686/2016

ALL BENGAL MINORITY STUDENTS COUNCIL AND ANR. Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. Respondent(s)

(with appln. (s) for interim relief and office report)

Date : 14/09/2016 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V. GOPALA GOWDA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Gopal Jain, Sr. Adv.  
Mr. Suhaan Mukerji, Adv.  
Mr. Vishal Prasad, Adv.  
Ms. C. Chaudhry, Adv.  
Ms. Ritika Sethi, Adv.

For Respondent(s)

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

Heard learned senior counsel for the  
petitioners.

Our attention was invited to Para 5 of the  
order dated 15.10.2015 passed by this Court, which  
reads thus:

"5. We will also make it clear that  
the Aadhaar card Scheme is purely  
voluntary and it cannot be made  
mandatory till the matter is finally  
decided by this Court one way or the

other."

Learned senior counsel for the petitioners has also invited our attention to the relevant portion of Para 3 of the letter dated 14.07.2016, written to the Chief Secretary/Administrator of all State Governments/UT Administration, by the Under Secretary to the Government of India by which the following directions are given to the students, which reads thus:

"3.....Only Online application under the Scheme will be accepted and no request for Offline applications will be entertained. It may be noted that submission of Aadhaar is mandatory."

Learned senior counsel submits that the aforesaid directions are contrary to the interim order passed by the Constitution Bench and therefore, to that extent they are not tenable in law.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the material evidence available on record and the submissions made by learned senior counsel we stay the operation and implementation of letters dated 14.07.2006 (i.e. Annexure P-5, P-6 and P-7) for Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme and Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme to the extent they have made submission of Aadhaar mandatory and direct the Ministry of Electronics and Information



Technology, Government of India i.e. Respondent No.2 to remove Aadhaar number as a mandatory condition for student Registration form at the National Scholarship Portal of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India at the website <http://scholarships.gov.in/newStudentRegFrm> and stay the implementation of clause (c) of the 'Important Instructions' of the advertisement dated 20.08.2016 for the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme and Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme, during the pendency of this writ petition.

Issue notice.

(VINOD KUMAR JHA)  
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(MALA KUMARI SHARMA)  
COURT MASTER

(Copy of the order be given dasti)

डा० अजय भूषण पांडे, भा.प्र.से.  
मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी  
Dr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey, IAS  
Chief Executive Officer



भारत सरकार  
Government of India  
भारतीय विशिष्ट पहचान प्राधिकरण  
Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)  
तीसरी मंजिल, टॉवर II, जीवन भारती भवन,  
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3rd Floor, Tower II, Jeevan Bharati Building,  
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No 23011/Gen/2014/Legal-UIDAI

**Circular**

15<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

**Subject:** -Notification for use of Aadhaar under Section 7 of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016("Aadhaar Act") for targeted delivery of financial and other subsidies, benefits and services funded from Consolidated Fund of India.

The use of Aadhaar as identifier for delivery of services/benefits/subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes, brings in good governance, transparency and efficiency, and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly to them in a convenient and hassle free manner. Aadhaar obviates the need for producing multiple documents to prove identity, etc.

2. The provisions of the **Aadhaar Act** have come into effect from 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and a notification to this effect has been published in the Official Gazette. To give effect to the provisions of the Act, UIDAI has approved Regulations under the Aadhaar Act which too have been notified in the official Gazette. The copy of the Act, rules and regulations made there under are available at UIDAI web site [www.uidai.gov.in](http://www.uidai.gov.in).

3. Section 7 of the Act provides:

*"The Central Government or, as the case may be, the State Government may, for the purpose of establishing identity of an individual as a condition for receipt of a subsidy, benefit or service for which the expenditure is incurred from, or the receipt there from forms part of, the Consolidated Fund of India, require that such individual undergo authentication, or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number or in the case of an individual to whom no Aadhaar number has been assigned, such individual makes an application for enrolment:*

*Provided that if an Aadhaar number is not assigned to an individual, the individual shall be offered alternate and viable means of identification for delivery of the subsidy, benefit or service".*

4. Further, regulation 12 of the **Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016** provides:

*"Any Central or State department or agency which requires an individual to undergo authentication or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number as a condition for receipt of any subsidy, benefit or service pursuant to Section 7 of the Act, shall ensure enrolment of its beneficiaries who are yet to be enrolled, through appropriate measures, including co-ordination with Registrars and setting up enrolment centres at convenient locations or providing enrolment facilities by becoming a Registrar itself".*



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5. Therefore, Central Ministries / State Governments which plan to use Aadhaar for delivery of services, benefits and subsidies funded from the Consolidated Fund of India are required to issue a notification under Section 7 of the Act. Section 7 of the Act read with Regulation 12 of the **Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016** require that the notification must include all of the following three points:


5.1. The notification shall mention the service, benefits or subsidies funded from the Consolidated Fund of India, which will require, as a condition precedent, a beneficiary applicant to undergo Aadhaar Authentication or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number.

5.2. The notification shall mention that in case the applicant does not have Aadhaar number, he will be required to make an application for Aadhaar enrolment, if he is entitled to obtain one under the Section 3 of the Act and the arrangement made by the concerned Central Ministries/State Governments as the case may be to provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities to him. Regulation 12 of the said Regulations casts responsibility on the Ministries /State Governments or agencies under their control to facilitate/ provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations. In case, there are no existing enrolment facilities nearby, they are required to become UIDAI registrars so that they can setup enrolment facilities themselves.

UIDAI has already empowered several Central Ministries / State Departments or agencies under their jurisdictions to become its registrar and undertake enrolment of their beneficiaries who are not enrolled for Aadhaar. UIDAI will continue to provide all technical as well as financial assistance for Aadhaar generation @Rs. 40 per Aadhaar and @Rs 27 per Aadhaar generated for children of age less than 5 years through Tablets Computers. In case any Ministry, State Government Department or agencies under its control wants to become Registrar, it may do so immediately by applying under Regulation 21 of the said Regulations and contact Regional Offices of UIDAI for this purpose.

5.3. The notification shall list the alternate identity documents and verification methodologies to confirm the identity of the beneficiary applicant to whom Aadhaar number has not been assigned for delivery of benefits, subsidies or services, till such time Aadhaar number is assigned.

6. This circular has been placed on UIDAI website [www.uidai.gov.in](http://www.uidai.gov.in)

  
(Ajay Bhushan Pandey) 15/9/2014  
Chief Executive Officer

To  
All Ministries/Departments  
All State Governments



P-20019/53/2014-LPG  
Government of India  
Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas  
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 30 September, 2016

**C I R C U L A R**

**Notification under Section-7 of Aadhaar Act, 2016**

Subject: - Notification for requirement of Aadhaar under Section 7 of **Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016** ("Aadhaar Act") for LPG subsidy.

1. The use of Aadhaar as identifier for delivery of services/benefits/subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes, brings in transparency and efficiency, and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly to them in a convenient and hassle free manner. Aadhaar obviates the need for producing multiple documents to prove one's identity. The provisions of the Aadhaar Act and Regulations under the Act have come into effect from 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and notifications to this effect have been published in the Official Gazette. UIDAI has issued a circular no. 23011/Gen/2014/Legal-UIDAI dated September 15, 2016 giving guidelines for issue of notification under Section 7 for use of Aadhaar (attached).

The LPG subsidy is an expenditure incurred from consolidated fund of India. Accordingly, Ministry of Petroleum, Government of India in exercise of its powers under Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act, hereby notifies the following :

- 1.1 Individual desirous of availing LPG subsidies are hereby required to furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar or undergo Aadhaar authentication.
- 1.2 An individual desirous of availing LPG Subsidies who is not yet enrolled for Aadhaar is hereby required to make application for Aadhaar enrolment by 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016 in case he is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per section 3 of Aadhaar Act. Such individuals may visit any Aadhaar enrolment center (list available at [www.uidai.gov.in](http://www.uidai.gov.in)) to get enrolled for Aadhaar. As per the Regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, OMCs are required to offer enrolment facilities for the beneficiaries who are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar. Therefore, in case there are no Aadhaar enrolment centers located within Block/Tehsil/Taluka, Oil Marketing Companies may provide enrolment facilities at convenient locations in coordination with the existing Registrars of UIDAI or may provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities by becoming UIDAI Registrar.

1.3 Till the time Aadhaar is assigned to the individual, LPG subsidy shall be given to the individual based on the following alternate and viable means of identification:

- a. Bank photo passbook, and
- b. Aadhaar enrolment ID slip if he has enrolled, otherwise his voter ID card or Ration card or Kisan Photo Passbook or passport or driver license along with copy of his request made for Aadhaar enrolment, as specified in para 2.2 below and
- c. Undertaking in the attached format that he is not availing LPG subsidy under some other consumer number of any Oil Marketing Company

The above documents shall be checked by an officer specifically designated by the OMCs.

2. In order to provide convenient and hassle free LPG subsidy to beneficiaries, Oil Marketing Companies through their field networks shall make all the required arrangements including following:

2.1 Wide publicity through media and individual notices through LPG dealers shall be given to applicants/ beneficiaries to make them aware of the requirement of Aadhaar to receive the LPG subsidy. In case they are not enrolled, they may be advised to get themselves enrolled at the nearest enrolment centers available in their Block/Tehsil/Taluka by 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016. The list of locally available enrolment centres should be made available to them.

2.2 In case, beneficiaries are not able to enroll due to non-availability of enrolment centres in the Block/Tehsil/Taluka, the OMCs are required to create enrolment facilities at convenient locations. The applicants/ beneficiaries can be requested to register their request for enrolment by giving their names with other details such as consumer number, address, mobile number on their web portal. Such requests can also be registered with the LPG dealers/distributors.

3. This notification shall take effect immediately in all States except Assam, Meghalaya and Jammu & Kashmir.

Encl: As above

*K.M. Mahesh* 30/9/2016

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To

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**Subject:** -Notification for use of Aadhaar under Section 7 of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 ("Aadhaar Act") for targeted delivery of financial and other subsidies, benefits and services funded from Consolidated Fund of India.

The use of Aadhaar as identifier for delivery of services/benefits/subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes, brings in good governance, transparency and efficiency, and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly to them in a convenient and hassle free manner. Aadhaar obviates the need for producing multiple documents to prove identity, etc.

2. The provisions of the Aadhaar Act have come into effect from 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and a notification to this effect has been published in the Official Gazette. To give effect to the provisions of the Act, UIDAI has approved Regulations under the Aadhaar Act which too have been notified in the official Gazette. The copy of the Act, rules and regulations made there under are available at UIDAI web site [www.uidai.gov.in](http://www.uidai.gov.in).

3. Section 7 of the Act provides:

*"The Central Government or, as the case may be, the State Government may, for the purpose of establishing identity of an individual as a condition for receipt of a subsidy, benefit or service for which the expenditure is incurred from, or the receipt there from forms part of, the Consolidated Fund of India, require that such individual undergo authentication, or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number or in the case of an individual to whom no Aadhaar number has been assigned, such individual makes an application for enrolment:*

*Provided that if an Aadhaar number is not assigned to an individual, the individual shall be offered alternate and viable means of identification for delivery of the subsidy, benefit or service".*

4. Further, regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016 provides:

*"Any Central or State department or agency which requires an individual to undergo authentication or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number as a condition for receipt of any subsidy, benefit or service pursuant to Section 7 of the Act, shall ensure enrolment of its beneficiaries who are yet to be enrolled through appropriate measures, including co-ordination with Registrars and setting up enrolment centres at convenient locations or providing enrolment facilities by becoming a Registrar itself".*

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5. Therefore, Central Ministries / State Governments which plan to use Aadhaar for delivery of services, benefits and subsidies funded from the Consolidated Fund of India are required to issue a notification under Section 7 of the Act. Section 7 of the Act read with Regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016 require that the notification must include all of the following three points:

✓ 5.1. The notification shall mention the service, benefits or subsidies funded from the Consolidated Fund of India, which will require, as a condition precedent, a beneficiary applicant to undergo Aadhaar Authentication or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number.


5.2. The notification shall mention that in case the applicant does not have Aadhaar number, he will be required to make an application for Aadhaar enrolment, if he is entitled to obtain one under the Section 3 of the Act and the arrangement made by the concerned Central Ministries/State Governments as the case may be to provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities to him. Regulation 12 of the said Regulations casts responsibility on the Ministries /State Governments or agencies under their control to facilitate/ provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations. In case, there are no existing enrolment facilities nearby, they are required to become UIDAI registrars so that they can setup enrolment facilities themselves.

UIDAI has already empowered several Central Ministries / State Departments or agencies under their jurisdictions to become its registrar and undertake enrolment of their beneficiaries who are not enrolled for Aadhaar. UIDAI will continue to provide all technical as well as financial assistance for Aadhaar generation @Rs. 40 per Aadhaar and @Rs 27 per Aadhaar generated for children of age less than 5 years through Tablets Computers. In case any Ministry, State Government Department or agencies under its control wants to become Registrar, it may do so immediately by applying under Regulation 21 of the said Regulations and contact Regional Offices of UIDAI for this purpose.

5.3. The notification shall list the alternate identity documents and verification methodologies to confirm the identity of the beneficiary applicant to whom Aadhaar number has not been assigned for delivery of benefits, subsidies or services, till such time Aadhaar number is assigned.

6. This circular has been placed on UIDAI website [www.uidai.gov.in](http://www.uidai.gov.in)

To  
All Ministries/Departments  
All State Governments

  
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Declaration Form For Availing Subsidy , If Aadhaar Is Not Available

a) Consumer Details

Consumer Name Mr / Mrs

Consumer No

LPG ID

b) List of Self Attested copies of documents to be attached\* (pl tick if submitted)

1) Bank Passbook showing photograph

Yes

2) Aadhaar enrollmnet slip

Yes

No

3) Voter ID card

Yes

4) Passport

Yes

5) Driving License

Yes

\* document 1 is mandatory ,

& if Aadhaar enrolmnet slip is not available then any one document out of 3 or 4 or 5 to be submitted

c) Distributor Details

Distributor Name

M/s

Dear LPG Distributor,

I \_\_\_\_\_ son/daughter/wife of \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ years, resident of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is having domestic LPG connection in my name and affirm as under :-

1) That neither I, nor any other member of the household (household means a family consisting of husband, wife, unmarried children and dependent parents living together in a dwelling unit having common kitchen), posses any other LPG connection from PSU Oil Companies or Piped Natural Gas Connection for domestic use in our dwelling unit. ('Households' having Piped Natural Gas connection are not entitled for subsidized LPG).

2) I am not availing LPG subsidy under some other consumer number of any other Oil marketing company

3) I have submitted bank a/c details because I don't have Aadhaar number. I promise to submit Aadhaar as soon as I receive the Aadhaar number to my LPG distributor and also get it linked to my above Bank account.

4) In the event of any violation of Government Regulation related to the supply and distribution of LPG, IOC/BPC/HPC will be within its right to discontinue supply of LPG cylinders to me, forfeit of security deposit and levy of penal charges as per the policy and guidelines and may initiate legal action applicable under provisions

5) The information furnished above is correct and I understand that, false information, if any will attracts punishment under Indian Penal Code.

Date

Place

Signature of the Consumer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP

Received Declaration from (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Con. No \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Sign & Stamp of LPG Distributor